## JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Dear Families:

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Roben Wagoner will become Principal of Johnstown Elementary School with the 2023-24 school year.

A highly skilled educator, Roben Wagoner comes to Johnstown after serving more than 30 years with the Gahanna Jefferson School District, most recently as Jefferson Elementary Principal for the past 19 years.

"I'm really excited to be able to serve the community of Johnstown-Monroe School District," she said in an introductory video prepared for school staff. "I've had an amazing career and I've been able to meet wonderful teachers, students and families in Johnstown."

The mother of two adult children, three adult stepchildren, and a grandparent, she said, "I have been so blessed with many opportunities... I definitely feel my calling is education. I am here to serve this community and I look forward to meeting all of you and just really immersing myself in Johnstown-Monroe schools."



Roben Wagoner, Marcie Wilson, and Superintendent Dr. Philip H. Wagner gathered at Johnstown Elementary on April 23, 2023, for "Family STEAM Night."

Mrs. Wagoner succeeds present Elementary Principal Mrs. Marcie Wilson, who has been with the school district since 1993 as a teacher and principal. Mrs. Wilson is leaving the Johnstown-Monroe Schools, having accepted a new position with the Licking County Educational Service Center (LCESC). In her new role, she will be the Regional Coordinator for *Making Schools Work*, which is a national K-12 comprehensive school improvement model. However, she is expected to maintain ties to the district, through the LCESC, on a consulting basis in the area of childhood literacy.

Our next step is to search for the principal of Johnstown Intermediate School (JIS) because Principal, Mrs. Janet Smith, will be retiring in August, 2023. Mrs. Smith has been with the school district since 2008 and held numerous educational positions prior to becoming a Johnnie. As JIS Principal, Mrs. Smith helped lead the opening of the newly renovated school building. As she enters retirement, Mrs. Smith is looking forward to spending more time with family, but has expressed a future interest in supporting the school district.

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to thank all of you for your contributions. Also, I will provide another update once the new JIS principal is selected.

Sincerely,

Philip Wagner, Ph.D. Superintendent