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Johnstown-Monroe announces new administrators, educators & more

Johnstown-Monroe Local Schools is pleased to welcome several new and rising administrators, educators and coaches to the District.

The Board of Education approved hiring of three high-profile positions during a Special Board meeting on June 13, 2024.

Bradley Wehrman will become the new Johnstown Intermediate School Principal for the 2024-25 school year. Mr. Wehrman has served variously as a principal of grades K-3 and K-5 for Southwest Licking Local Schools since 2013, supervising approximately 500 students.



Bradley Wehrman

He previously served as an assistant principal within the Licking Valley Local School District and makes his home in Licking County.



Greg Gantt

Greg Gantt has been selected as J-M's new athletic director. He comes to Johnstown from South-Western City Schools, where he currently serves as Athletic Supervisor at Westland High School.

Among his accomplishments, Mr. Gantt is credited with building of a substantial social media presence for athletics and restoration of the school's gymnastic program after a seven-year lapse. Also, he has partnered with a current NFL player to host a free youth camp.

Mr. Gantt also coordinated a successful fundraising effort for weight room enhancements and orchestrated a new coaching evaluation system. He previously served with Harvest Preparatory School in Canal Winchester and also was an associate head basketball coach at Independence High School in Columbus.

Abby Fitz was approved June 13 to serve as the new Dean of Students at Johnstown Middle School.

She comes to J-M from Licking Valley Local Schools and Licking Valley Middle School where her various educational roles have included math instruction (including at-risk math and Algebra 1) since 2007, reading Intervention provider (2010-2013), and Language Arts instruction (2009).



Abby Fitz

Additionally, she has served on the Licking Valley "Building Leadership Team" since 2018, and as a member of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Leadership Team and District Special Education Committee (2015-17).



Abby Fitz is also a highly successful and well-regarded volleyball coach at Licking Valley, with service in that coaching role reaching back to 2007. She is a Licking County resident and has served on the Crossroads Christian Church Sunday School Leadership Team since 2019.

Tina Cox joins Johnstown High School as an instructional paraprofessional and as the new Johnstown Girls Volleyball Head Coach. She comes to J-M from Licking Heights, where she also has been a highly successful Softball and Girls and Boys volleyball coach. In 2022, she earned the D2 Coach of the Year Award.

In other June 13 hiring approvals, the Board extended a teaching contract to **Joel Foxall**, who comes from Harvest Prep and who will be teaching Spanish at Johnstown High School this coming school year.

Two new Intervention Specialists were also approved for service to Johnstown Middle School: **Emilee Edwards** and **Vincente Giardino**.

Previously, it was announced JMS Dean of Students **Nick Hancock** will assume the position of Middle School Principal with the coming year, succeeding Kris Almendinger who is retiring after many years of distinguished service to Johnstown-Monroe Schools.



Nick Hancock

During its Regular Session May meeting, the BOE also approved the hiring of **Christian Grove** as Johnstown High School's new Dean of Students. Mr. Grove comes to Johnstown from neighboring Licking Heights Local Schools.