



Thursday, March 6, 2025

Dear Bragg School Parents and Faculty,

I wanted to take this opportunity to share some exciting news with you regarding the administrative leadership position at Bragg School. But first of all, let me begin by expressing my gratitude to Ms. Michele Stanton for her dutiful stewardship of our Bragg School faculty and students since January 2025. Returning to Bragg in her retirement to ensure that our students and faculty had steady and trusted leadership as we began 2025 was admirable indeed and greatly appreciated by us all. However, Ms. Stanton must move on now.

Our Chester Schools will be welcoming a new superintendent soon, Dr. William Kochis, as I also move into retirement from K-12 public education on March 31st. It is important that with this coming shift in leadership, Dr. Kochis will have the opportunity to be a part of the search for a permanent new Bragg School principal.

Therefore, I am very pleased to announce that for the remainder of the school year, Mr. Russell Schilp will be our new Bragg School Interim Principal. You all know Mr. Schilp as our Bragg School Physical Education Teacher and we are very pleased that he will begin his administrative career as our Bragg School Interim Principal until June 2025. Mr. Schilp recently earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Seton Hall University. His familiarity to parents, students and faculty is a tremendous asset during a time of so much change and we look forward to his playing this new role at Bragg School. Congratulations Mr. Schilp!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina L. Van Woert".

Christina Van Woert, Ed.D.
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