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Dear Warren Township High School District 121 Families and Community:

The Board of Education is pleased to announce that Dr. Daniel "Danny" Woestman, has been hired to serve as the Superintendent of Schools beginning July 1, 2022. He will fill the position currently held by Dr. John Ahlgrim, who has led the District since 2015 and will be retiring at the end of this school year.

The WTHS School Board is excited and fortunate to have Dr. Woestman join the Warren Township High School team. As our new Superintendent, Danny's experience and positive energy will be a great addition to both our school and our community.

With 15 years of experience in education, Dr. Woestman is currently the Superintendent of Schools at Belvidere School District 100. Under Dr. Woestman's leadership, Belvidere has been recognized at the state and national levels for their career readiness programs, increases in early-college opportunities for high school students, positive work environment, and continuous improvement structures.

Before taking that position, Dr. Woestman served for five years in leadership roles at Rockford Public Schools as an Assistant Superintendent and Director of Accountability. He also served as an Assistant Principal at Hononegah Community High School. He began his education career as an English teacher at Hononegah Community High School in northern Illinois and Springville High School in Utah.

"I am honored by the opportunity to be part of the Warren Township High School community," Dr. Woestman said. "High schools are such an important part of every community, and I hope to continue the strong traditions that are part of the WTHS history. I'm excited to work and learn alongside the great people that make this district the amazing place it's known to be."

District 121's Board of Education conducted a national search for the incoming superintendent. The process included an online survey to develop a candidate profile that served as a guide during candidate screening and subsequent interviews. The search firm received applications from 40 candidates and narrowed the field to six semi-finalists who interviewed with the Board of Education. The top two candidates returned for interviews with District administration, union representatives, parents and community members and their feedback was provided to the Board of Education to take into consideration for the final interviews.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this most important process.

Sincerely,

Board of Education
Warren Township High School District 121