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Board of Education Appoints New Superintendent of Schools Associate Superintendent Also Named at Board Meeting

At tonight's public meeting, Perry Township Schools' Board of Education announced Patrick W. Mapes has been appointed as the new Superintendent of Schools, while Chris Sampson has been named the new Associate Superintendent. Both Mr. Mapes' and Mr. Sampson's new roles will begin immediately.

"We believe Mr. Mapes and Mr. Sampson have the diverse expertise needed to serve the needs of our students and meet district goals," said Ed Denning, Board Vice President. "Mr. Mapes' extensive administrative experience, in addition to his collaborative leadership approach, will continue to move our district forward. We're confident both leaders will inspire fresh ideas and strategies to elevate learning in our community for years to come."

Mr. Mapes has 29 years of experience in public education and has provided leadership and advocacy at the local and state level. He has served as Acting Superintendent since October 2016. During his time at the Indiana Department of Education, he developed and implemented state guidelines for school efficiency. He is also experienced in the development of technology curriculum for teacher preparation programs. Mr. Mapes began his career as a teacher and basketball coach. He also served as a high school principal and Superintendent of Schools at Delaware Community Schools in Muncie.

"I am honored to have been selected as the new Superintendent," said Mr. Mapes. "As I collaborate with our Board and the Perry community, we will continue to set forth a vision for high-quality education for every student in every school."



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Mr. Mapes earned a Master of Arts in Education and an educational specialist degree from Ball State University.

Mr. Sampson most recently served as Superintendent of Clinton Prairie School Corporation, where he worked for five years, leading students and staff, managing federal and state grants, creating budgets, and providing oversight on construction projects. Prior to that, he worked as Principal of Monrovia Elementary for 12 years.

“I’m excited for the opportunity to help lead this growing district,” said Mr. Sampson. “The progress that Perry Township has made in recent years is inspiring, and I look forward to working with the Board on the goals and priorities it has set for the upcoming school year.”

Mr. Sampson has earned a Master of Arts in Education from Butler University and an educational specialist degree from Indiana State University.