



Glenbard Township High School District 87

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McBride chosen for Glenbard East principal post

Bob McBride, Glenbard East High School assistant principal for instruction, has been selected to be the new principal at the Lombard school. The Board of Education will vote on his appointment Monday, June 13. McBride will replace Maria Ward, who announced her resignation this spring.

“Glenbard East is an excellent school with a great staff, great community and great students,” McBride said. “East is an asset to the district, and I’m just lucky to work with these people and see where I can take them.” McBride said he is looking to make a large high school smaller and more personal. He also wants to bring together all of the communities whose children attend Glenbard East.

Two teams that included Glenbard staff members, students, parents and Board of Education members interviewed the principal candidates.

McBride has been a part of the Glenbard Township High School District 87 team since 2002. From July 2002 to June 2003 he was the district’s director of school improvement, working with Mike Warner, principals and assistant principals to direct school improvement efforts at all four Glenbard schools. He has served as Glenbard East’s assistant principal for instruction since 2003. McBride has been instrumental in significant Glenbard East initiatives, including Freshman Academy, Turbo and S.T.R.I.V.E.

McBride earned a master’s degree in education from Harvard Graduate School of Education and a bachelor’s degree in education from Northwestern University. He belongs to several professional associations, including the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; National Association of Secondary School Principals; Illinois Principals Association; Friends of the Fullbright Fund; and Phi Delta Kappa.

Prior to joining Glenbard, McBride was the English division head at Oak Park-River Forest High School. He also was District 200 articulation chairman; engaged learning coordinator; and English division writing coordinator.

McBride earned a Fullbright Memorial Fund Scholarship: Study Visit to Japan; the Congressman Danny Davis Outstanding Educator Award; and National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Scholarship. He was named an Illinois Writing Project Summer Leadership Scholar and University of St. Andrews, Scotland Schoolteacher Fellow.