



Glenbard Township High School District 87

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Board of Education names new Glenbard North principal

Glenbard Township High School District 87 is pleased to announce John Mensik has been named principal at Glenbard North High School in Carol Stream, beginning July 1.

The Board of Education unanimously approved Mensik's appointment on Feb. 6. Linda Geist will continue to serve as interim principal through June 30.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to become a part of Glenbard North, and I look forward to working with students, staff and parents on building a strong educational community," Mensik said. "Working together we can prepare our students for the future," he added.

Mensik is assistant principal at Niles West High School in Skokie, a position he has held since July 2003. Prior to that, Mensik was dean of students and summer school principal at Niles North High School. He was dean of students and an English teacher at Willowbrook High School in Villa Park and was an English teacher at Proviso East High School in Maywood.

Mensik is working toward his doctorate degree in educational leadership from Aurora University. He earned his master's degree in educational administration from Northeastern Illinois University and his bachelor's degree in English education from Lewis University.

"We were impressed with John's commitment to assist all students to achieve school success," said Dr. Michael Meissen, Glenbard's new superintendent. "We are confident in his ability to create relationships and build collaboration. I was extremely impressed with his background and experiences and believe he has the ability to maintain a vision for educational excellence and work collaboratively with the Glenbard North community," Meissen said.

"We were impressed with the multiple roles and responsibilities that he has had in the field of education, and I like that he is a leader focused around goals, building community and maintaining strong partnerships in the community," Meissen added.

Mensik earned the 2004 Community Service Award from the Indian Community of Niles Township.

Mensik said he believes communication is paramount for an educational leader. He believes in reaching out to all areas of the community, including students, parents, teachers, board members and other community members.

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