



Not “Good-bye” Just “Thank-you!”

The informal evening reception in the Newark High School Library August 19th was a nice way to say thank you and share heartfelt words of praise, expressions of gratitude and memories about Newark Central School District staff who have retired this year.

Superintendent Matt Cook expressed appreciation for the employees’ many years of faithful service to the Newark Central School District and his congratulations.

Then Lincoln School Principal John Ginter, Newark Middle School Principal Teresa Prinzi and Perkins School Principal Rhonda Underhill reflected on the myriad and invaluable contributions made by staff who’ve retired.

The reception was also attended by Krista Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Ed Gnau, Assistant Superintendent of Business; Board of Education members Russ Harris, President, Eric DeTaeye, Vice President, Yvonne MacTaggart, Dr. Richard Martin and Pat Verdine; Kelley School Principal Jeff Hamelinck; NCSD Director of Pupil Services Kerri Levine; retirees’ spouses and other staff.

The retirees, their years of service and the positions they currently hold or held when they retired during this school year follow. Those whose names appear in red did not attend the reception

- Amy Lannon, 33 years, Newark High School English teacher
- Tami Brinkman, 30 years, Lincoln School Pre-Kindergarten teacher
- Christel Burm, 27 years, Lincoln School teacher assistant
- Lisa Trask, 21 years, Newark Middle School teacher



In photo above, front from left: Tami Brinkman, Kathryn Beck and Lisa Trask. Back from left: Christel Burm, Amy Lannon and Margaret Russell.

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- **Mary Wage**, 21 years, Newark High School teacher assistant
- **Mary Lou Bonnell**, 20.5 years, music teacher at Lincoln, Perkins and NHS
- Margaret Russell, 20 years, Perkins School teacher assistant
- Kathryn Beck, 19 years, Lincoln School Kindergarten teacher

In June, NHS science teacher **Elaine Esan**, who retired after 20.5 years and Kelley School third grade teacher **Scott Martin**, who retired after 16 years, were recognized virtually.

