



Peter Czerkas Appointed Principal Of Perkins Elementary School

Newark native Peter Czerkas, who has served as Assistant Principal at Lincoln and Perkins Elementary Schools since last November, is the new Principal of Perkins School.

With Perkins Principal Rhonda Underhill becoming Assistant Superintendent for Instruction in the Lyons Central School District July 15th, Czerkas' unanimous appointment by the Board of Education July 13th became effective July 14th.

"Pete is a perfect fit for Perkins. As the Assistant Principal of Perkins and Lincoln Schools, he has been highly regarded by the staff, students and families. He has also been an integral part of our School Safety Team and has had his hand in the revision process of both Perkins and Lincoln's Building Emergency Response Plans. Knowing that we hired a Principal with first-hand knowledge of our systems and structures, coupled with his experience, will make the transition seamless," said Superintendent Susan Hasenauer.

"It is an honor to be named as the Principal of Perkins School and to continue to serve the Newark Community," Czerkas said. *"I am very grateful for the opportunity to work with such a dedicated staff and passionate leadership team. Together, we will strive to provide a well-rounded educational experience for all our students."*

Prior to coming to Newark last fall, Czerkas was the K-6 Dean of Students at Midlakes Elementary School since September 2018. Before that he served as a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) as a CPSE/CSE Assistant to the Director of Special Education from 12/2017 until 7/2018.

And before that he taught physical education at Midlakes from September 2004 until December 2017.

Czerkas earned his Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education from SUNY Cortland; his Master's Degree in Physical Education from SUNY Brockport and his Certificate of Advanced Study from SUNY Oswego.

He lives in Fairport with wife, Angela, also a Newark native who works for the NYS Office For People With Developmental Disabilities and their two daughters, Ava, 12, and Sophia, 9.