

NEWARK\_ Newark native Peter Czerkas, who is the K-6 Dean of Students at Midlakes Elementary School, was appointed the new Assistant Principal at Lincoln and Perkins Schools by the Newark Board of Education October 6<sup>th</sup>.

He is replacing Greg Herbst who retired at the end of September after working for the Newark Central School District for nearly 17 years, the last three as an AP at Lincoln and Perkins Schools.

Czerkas will begin working in Newark November 8<sup>th</sup>.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to support our earliest learners, and excited to be able to give back to a community that has done so much for me," said Czerkas, a 1998 Newark High School graduate.

"We are excited to welcome Mr. Czerkas back to his hometown community in Newark," said Rhonda Underhill, Perkins School Principal. "Several of our families are already sharing the connections they have with him and we know he will continue to build more positive connections between our school and our community. Our students, staff and families are very fortunate to have someone with Mr. Czerkas' experience and passion for learning to support our youngest Newark students."

Lincoln School Principal John Ginter echoed Underhill's sentiments.

"There is a tremendous amount of excitement to welcome Mr. Czerkas back to Newark Schools," he said. "Throughout the interview process it was clear he puts relationships at the forefront of everything he does. Mr. Czerkas has already begun to build these relationships, and I have no doubt will continue to make that a priority. We are so thrilled to have him and the Newark community is lucky to have a leader like him work with our youngest learners."

Prior to becoming the K-6 Dean of Students at Midlakes in September of 2018, he served as a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) as a CPSE/CSE Assistant to the Director of Special Education from 12/2017 until July 2018.

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, a sixth grader and Sophia, a third grader.