Lincoln School Principal Stephanie Miller’s decision to become Geneseo Central School District’s Director of Pupil Personnel Services after three years here has resulted in John Ginter, who served as Newark Middle School Assistant Principal in 2018-19, becoming the new principal of the Pre-K through second grade school.

Unanimously approved by the Newark Board of Education September 4th, Ginter’s appointment is effective September 23rd.

“Mr. Ginter has been a great addition to the administrative team in Newark and we are thrilled that he has accepted the opportunity to lead Lincoln School and build off of the work begun by Mrs. Miller and the Lincoln team over the last three years,” Superintendent Matt Cook said.

“I know that Mr. Ginter is both excited and honored to be the new Principal of Lincoln School, and I am confident that his leadership will help Lincoln School continue to learn and grow,” said Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Krista Lewis. “I look forward to working with him in this new role!”

A Newark High School school counselor at Newark High School for eight years before serving as summer school principal at Newark High School in 2017, he was an administrative intern at NMS in 2017-18 and was appointed Assistant Principal of NMS the following year. Ginter is confident his experiences at the secondary level combined with the joy of raising he and wife, Christine’s 2 ½ year old fraternal twins, Lincoln and Evelyn, and three-month old son Jackson, give him unique insight into the importance of an excellent educational beginning for young children.
“I can’t wait to begin,” Ginter said September 16th as he was shadowing Miller during her final week at Lincoln. “I think the joy of raising three young kids has given me a passion to work with this age group. This is the age at which we lay the foundation for their educational careers. The lead off is the key and the more we can do to support kids and their families and make everyone’s experience positive and build partnerships, the better they’ll be as they advance in their education in Newark.”

He also noted his son, Lincoln, is excited that his Dad is going to be Principal at a school with the same name as his.

Ginter, who lives in Fairport with his family, earned both his bachelor’s degree in psychology and master’s degree in school counseling at the University of Buffalo and his administrative degree at the University of Rochester.

Greg Herbst, who has been Assistant Principal there and at Perkins School for a little over a year, will join him administratively at Lincoln.

As for Miller’s new duties in the Geneseo CSD, she will oversee curriculum and instruction there as well as the special education department. Her first teaching position was in that district where she taught for 8 years. Before coming to the Newark CSD, she had served as Assistant Principal of Wayne Central High School.

This is the message she sent to Lincoln School staff last month after she was offered her new job.

“It is with sadness that I say goodbye to a special, unique and caring team at Lincoln School. At the same time I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that await my return to Geneseo. My time here has been marked with traditions upheld, changes embraced and goals fulfilled.

“I will be forever grateful for the opportunity extended to me to become a part of this community with the rich tradition of dedication to one another, the community and especially the students served by the Newark staff.

“Thank you for the experiences that are woven into what will be fond memories of our work together and the love and care you all have shown me during these three wonderful years. My best to each and everyone of you as you continue to fulfill your life’s work with such care.”

“Mrs. Miller has been an outstanding principal and I’m sure she’ll bring the same level of professionalism and teamwork to Geneseo that she brought to Lincoln,” Cook said. “She will be missed by the Newark team.”

“Mrs. Miller has kept students, staff and families at the heart of her leadership at Lincoln School,” Lewis said. “We are all sad to see her leave, but we are thankful for the time she has spent in our district and the many contributions she has made to Lincoln School. I wish her all my best in this next step in her career!”

In the above photo is outgoing Lincoln School Principal Stephanie Miller who is leaving her position here to become Geneseo Central School District’s Director of Pupil Personnel Services.