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Ravenna School District Board of Education Names Interim Superintendent

Ravenna School District veteran and Ravenna native brings district leadership experience and love for the community to the Ravenna School District.

(July 1, 2024, Ravenna, Ohio) The Ravenna School District has named Mr. Ben Ribelin as Interim Superintendent, replacing Dr. Laura Hebert, who will be leaving on July 31, 2024 to move into semi-retirement. Mr. Ribelin was offered a one-year contract as Interim Superintendent.

“Mr. Ribelin possesses the institutional knowledge and love for the district and community that is necessary as the district navigates the difficult financial situation ahead. We are fortunate that Mr. Ribelin is willing to take on the challenge,” said Ravenna School District Board President, Michael Wisniewski. “Due to the short window of opportunity to advertise for and hire a permanent superintendent and the urgency of the financial situation, an interim was seen as the best decision for the district at this time.”

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Mr. Ribelin is a Ravenna alumnus, graduating in 1995. He earned his undergraduate degree from Kent State University, majoring in Elementary Education. Upon graduation, he began his teaching career in Ravenna, and upon earning his Masters in School Administration from Kent State University, became the principal at Tappan and West Park Elementary Schools. He eventually moved into the Ravenna School District Central Office as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, K-5 and Director of Human Resources. He currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent, demonstrating his extensive district leadership experience.

Dr. Laura Hebert, the Ravenna School District Superintendent, points out the benefits of Ribelin’s roots in the community as well as his understanding of the many facets of leading a school district.

“To come into a position knowing the needs and wants of the community for the future, but having the understanding of the history and culture of that community is invaluable. That insight will allow Mr. Ribelin to lead the district in the ‘here and now’ while simultaneously preparing for the future.”

“I’m excited to continue to serve the Ravenna community. Being a Raven has always been important to my identity as a student, as member of the community, and as a leader in the district”, said Mr. Ribelin

About the Ravenna School District

The Ravenna School District services approximately 1,950 students and is one of the largest school districts in Portage County. Situated in the county seat, Ravenna is convenient to numerous government and community agencies that serve our families. The Ravenna School District has a district wide commitment to enhancing student learning within a positive environment, with a dual focus on

academic achievement and behavioral growth for all students. For more information contact us at (330) 296-9679.