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"Proud to be a Railroader"

New Principal-Leaders Selected

Altoona, WI — What do the phrases "continuous improvement," "instructional leader," "student-centered," and "sense of humor" have in common? They are on the list of 12 Qualities of a Principal that interview teams used recently to narrow the field of potential principal candidates! On April 6, 7 & 12, interview teams and the public alike had an opportunity to look for and meet potential principal-leaders to succeed Gary Pszeniczny, middle school principal and Jeffry Pepowski, high school principal when they both retire on July 1.

On April 18, the school board approved the employment recommendations to hire Daniel Peggs, Altoona Middle School, and Jason LeMay, Altoona High School.

Daniel comes back to our District where he started his teaching career as a high school science teacher in 2010/11. Daniel went on to teach at the Chippewa Falls Middle School, and has been employed since July 2014 as the 5-12 principal in the Gilman School District. Says Peggs, *"I am thrilled and humbled to be joining such an innovative educational team at the Altoona Middle School! While I know I have big shoes to fill, I hope to continue the excellent progress of the past and push us forward into the future as the middle school of choice in the Chippewa Valley. There is a lot of work to be done, but I plan to learn as much as I can over the summer so we can hit the ground running next fall. I am thankful to be a part of the Altoona School District once again and I look forward to working with such a supportive community in the fall."*



Mr. Daniel Peggs
Incoming Principal
Altoona Middle School

Originally from Cadott, WI, Jason LeMay will join our District after serving as the 9-12 principal and activities director in the Pardeeville Area School District for the last five years. Prior to that, Jason taught English at Colby High School. *"Having been born and raised in the Chippewa Valley, I am very happy to be back in the area and even more excited to be part of the Altoona School District. The high school already has many great attributes and I hope I can refine those, grow and develop more programming with the staff, strengthen partnerships with local businesses, CVTC, and UWEC, and promote the importance of a strong public education. I also look forward to working with the students, staff, parents, and community to provide the best educational experience possible for every student at the high school and make Altoona the best high school in the area. I'm proud to be an Altoona Railroader and I look forward to meeting everyone over the summer and in the fall."* Jason LeMay



Mr. Jason LeMay
Incoming Principal
Altoona High School

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