



**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALTOONA**  
1903 Bartlett Avenue  
Altoona WI 54720

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### School Board Makes Welcome “Official”

**Altoona, September 7, 2013.** With 24 new employees - as of last Monday night’s board meeting the Altoona school district is nearly fully staffed.

Last Monday night, marked Joann Walker’s first board meeting as principal at Pedersen Elementary School, and the School Board was pleased to officially welcome her to the District!

Originally from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, Joann attended UW-Eau Claire where she received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees. In 2007, she completed the Educational Leadership program at Viterbo.

Most recently, Joann was employed as a fourth grade teacher at Meadowview Elementary School in Eau Claire where she played a role on the school’s leadership team and served as a PBIS Tier 1 coach.

Prior to her employment with the Eau Claire Area School District, Joann worked with students at UW-Eau Claire in the School of Education, and as both a regular education and special education teacher in the Menomonie school district.

Along with her husband, Mike, Joann has two children – Ben and Elizabeth. The Walker’s live in Eau Claire.

*“As a building leader, I believe it is imperative to model student and staff expectations that are consistent with community core values and beliefs. To carry out the vision of the school, the principal must balance human relations’ practices that are consistent with the demands of being task-oriented and yet receptive to the needs of faculty.”*  
*Joann Walker*

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