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Announcing Interim Principal at Hosford, Joe Mitacek

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Dear Hosford Community,

I am pleased to announce that Joe Mitacek, an experienced and dedicated educator, will serve as interim principal at Hosford Middle School in the 2021-22 school year.

He succeeds Caitlin Klenz, who was Hosford principal the last two years and has taken a position outside the district. We thank her for her service.



Joe Mitacek

Joe is dedicated to building a school culture that encourages collaboration and engagement among all stakeholders around maximizing student achievement. He is entering his 10th year in school administration and comes to Hosford from Grant High School, where he has served as a vice principal since 2018 where he helped lead the school's equity team and site council.

Before going to Grant, Joe served as High School Principal at the American School of Asunción, the U.S. State Department's Overseas School in Paraguay. That came after three years as an assistant principal in the Service and Leadership Academies of the Chicago Public Schools.

Joe started his career as a Spanish teacher in Chicago. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences Education from Illinois State University, and a Master of Education in Educational Organization and Leadership from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Mitacek to Hosford.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.

Deputy Superintendent, Instruction & School Communities

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