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North Boone Middle School has new leadership for the start of the 2011-2012 School Year. Dr. Bridget Belcastro will be taking over as the principal of North Boone Middle School and Upper Elementary. The position became vacant upon Dr. Mike Greenlee's appointment as superintendent of Rockton School District.

Dr. Belcastro is originally from DuPage County, Illinois. She earned a bachelor's degree in English Education from Northern Illinois University in 1993. She received her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from North Central College in Naperville in 1999. She completed her doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction and earned an administrative certificate from Loyola University in Chicago in 2006. She taught high school English and business for thirteen years before moving into school administration. Dr. Belcastro has served as the middle/high school principal at Alden-Hebron Middle/High School in Hebron, Illinois for the last four years.

North Boone is also pleased to announce that Lindsay Abbeduto has been appointed to the Assistant Principal of North Boone Upper Elementary and Middle School beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. Lindsay has served as a Crystal Lake District 47 teacher for the past 10 years. In addition to working as a Math and Science teacher at Hannah Beardsley Middle school, Lindsay has been the athletic director and data facilitator for the school. Prior to that, Lindsay taught at Canterbury Elementary school also in District 47. She has a Bachelor of Education from Northern Illinois University and a Masters in Administration from Concordia University.

According to Dr. Belcastro, Lindsay and I will be looking to enhance the NBMS/UE RtI program based on a variety of data and implementation of successful interventions. We are also going to be focusing on aligning the curriculum to the Common Core Standards and developing common assessments in core subject areas. We hope to work with the staff at both grade level teams and subject level teams. Lindsay's experience as the data facilitator in a larger district that already uses common assessments will be invaluable. Both Lindsay and I are excited about working with what we both perceive as a dynamic group of administrators that clearly work well together. We are confident that with Lindsay's collaborative style, strong leadership skills

and her commitment to best practices, she will be a successful Assistant Principal in District 200.

North Boone Community Unit School District 200 serves approximately 1800 students in pre-school through high school in the Villages of Caledonia, Capron and Poplar Grove as well as the northern tier of unincorporated Boone County, Illinois. For more information visit the NBCUSD website at www.nbcusd.org or contact the district office at 815-765-3322.

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