

# North Boone

## *Community Unit School District 200*

*Steven M. Baule, Ed.D. Ph.D. Superintendent*

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### **North Boone Says Farewell to Three Administrators**

North Boone CUSD 200 is losing three of its administrative team at the end of the school year. Dr. Steven Baule, the current superintendent, is leaving North Boone to lead the 6000+ student Muncie Schools Corporation in Indiana. Lindsay Abbeduto, the current NBMS/US principal is leaving to become the director of professional development and programming for District 300 in Algonquin, Illinois. Kristi Crawford, the current Poplar Grove Elementary principal is leaving to be the principal of West Elementary School in Sycamore, Illinois. Mrs. Crawford has served the district for more than a decade. Crawford was nominated for the Puri Outstanding Administrator Award in 2013. She was the principal of NBMS from August 2004 until moving to Manchester School before being assigned to Poplar Grove in 2013.

Mrs. Abbeduto started at North Boone as the NBMS/UE assistant principal in 2011. She was instrumental in the development of the district's 1:1 Digital Learning Initiative. She has been an active member of the Illinois Principals Association; where she is the incoming Kishwaukee Division President. She was promoted to principal of NBMS/UE in 2013.

Dr. Baule has served North Boone since the spring of 2010. During his tenure in North Boone, North Boone's test scores, Advanced Placement participation and graduation rates all rose while discipline rates and drop outs decreased. The district's finances were greatly improved since the district projected a \$1 million deficit by May 2015 and the district will actually end with about \$9.7 million in reserves at the end of the year. Dr. Baule was recognized for North Boone's leadership in developing digitally based instruction in November 2014 by the White House and the US Department of Education. The University of Illinois's College of Education and the Illinois Association of School Administrators recognized him as the Van Miller Distinguished Scholar Practitioner for 2013. Baule was also named a fellow of the Company of Military Historians while serving North Boone. Dr. Baule's contract had been extended through the end of June 2016.

North Boone Community Unit School District 200 serves approximately 1700 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 future information, you can follow North Boone on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/NBCUSD200](https://www.twitter.com/NBCUSD200).