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Assistant Principal at Westlake High School

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Why did you choose to work with Westlake City Schools?

There are so many aspects of Westlake that were attractive to me. From an outsider's perspective, it is easy to see that Westlake City Schools has a commitment to excellence. Everything from their facilities, the programs offered and the staff in place are very impressive. In speaking with some of the current administrators, there are high expectations paired with a collaborative mindset to achieve common goals. I am excited to work as a team to help achieve those goals.

What are you most looking forward to in working with Westlake City Schools?

I am so excited to get to know the staff and students at Westlake High School! I have heard so many positive things about the programs the school runs and the way the staff interacts in positive ways with the students. Additionally, I am looking forward to working as a team with Mr. Woods, Mrs. Morgan and the entire support staff in the office. Everyone has been so welcoming and appears to really want to succeed with a team mindset, which is very exciting!

Tell us a little bit about yourself: Where did you grow up? Where did you go to school? What were your favorite subjects growing up? Did you play sports or do activities? Did you have a favorite pet?

I grew up in Lagrange, Ohio and attended Keystone High School and Ashland University for both my undergrad and my masters. My favorite subject growing up was math. Prior to becoming an administrator, I was a high school math teacher. I played football and basketball in high school while also playing college football for Ashland University. I love dogs. We have a Boxer named Truman.

What are some of the ways you'll push Westlake students to be good citizens?

The best educators have committed to being lifelong learners with a growth mindset. I know that I have not yet been acquainted with the staff, however, what has been shared with me seems to align with the mission statement, "We Educate for Excellence," and I believe the only way to consistently meet those expectations is to constantly analyze current practices and try to improve. If our staff is committed to

being lifelong learners, I think that mindset carries over to the students. Part of our job is to create opportunities for students to become successful in whatever path they decide to take after graduating. With the mindset of being a lifelong learner, I believe our students can be successful in whatever job or school they enter.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time? (Hobbies, sports, favorite teams, games, etc.)

I love spending time with my family first and foremost. We have many hobbies we do together, and spending quality time with them is my favorite way to spend my time. Outside of that, I enjoy fishing on Lake Erie, golfing and working out. I am Clevelander through and through. I enjoy attending Cavs, Indians and Browns games as well as following those teams. My favorite college team is The Ohio State Buckeyes.

If you could have any meal right now, what would be included?

My favorite meal is a steak dinner, preferably a fillet with sweet corn.

If you could visit any place on the planet, where would you like to go? What would you like to do there?

If I could visit any place, I think I would choose Hawaii. Hawaii looks beautiful. I love being on a beach and Hawaii looks to be one of the best places to just relax and enjoy nature.

If you're comfortable doing so, could you share some info about your life? (ie: marriage, kids, pets, etc.)

I have been married to my wife, Bethany for 10 years and we are blessed with two beautiful daughters, Ellie (7) and Bailey (5). My wife is also in education, serving as an eighth grade ELA teacher at Midview Middle School. My kids are active in gymnastics and softball. We are so excited to be putting a pool in this summer and are looking forward to many relaxing summer days swimming and hanging out! We have a Boxer named Truman who loves to play with his Frisbee all day!