

NEW PRINCIPALS NAMED AT CONANT AND FREMD HIGH SCHOOLS



Julie Nowak was appointed as principal at James B. Conant High School.

At its January 16, 2014 meeting, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Julie Nowak as principal at James B. Conant High School, and the appointment of Kurtis Tenopir at William Fremd High School. Both appointments will be effective July 1, 2014. Mrs. Nowak, currently High School District 211's director of special education, will take over the principalship from Tim Cannon, who will retire after serving District 211 for 32 years, including the past nine as principal at Conant High School. Mr. Tenopir, currently an assistant principal at Fremd High School, assumes the principalship from Lisa Small, who was recently named District 211 associate superintendent for instruction.



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| appointed principal at
| William Fremd High School.

Mrs. Nowak has been the District's director of special education since 2008, serving as the assistant director of special education from 2007-2008. Prior to that, she was the special education department chair at Palatine High School from 2001-2007, and began her tenure in District 211 as a special education teacher at Hoffman Estates High School from 1994-2001. Before coming to District 211, Mrs. Nowak was a special education teacher at Jacobs High School in Algonquin from 1993-1994. In 2001, Mrs. Nowak received a Those Who Excel award from the Illinois State Board of Education. Mrs. Nowak received her bachelor's degree in education from Northern Illinois University and a master's degree in educational administration from National Louis University.

"Tim Cannon has been a key part of our administrative leadership, not just at Conant High School, but throughout District 211, and with his retirement, Julie Nowak will continue the instructional leadership that Mr. Cannon has provided to the Conant community," said Superintendent-Elect Dan Cates. *"I am excited about Mrs. Nowak taking over the principalship at Conant High School. Her commitment to students, along with her instructional experience and leadership, make for a powerful combination. Everyone who has met or is associated with Julie knows what a hard-working, quality, and caring person she is. I am very confident that in her new role she will continue to make great contributions, impacting a great number of students, families, and staff."*

Mr. Tenopir joined District 211 as a 12-month assistant principal at Fremd High School in 2011. Before coming to District 211, Mr. Tenopir gained administrative experience as an assistant principal for instruction at Deerfield High School from 2008-2011 and as an assistant principal at Belvidere High School from 2005-2008. Mr. Tenopir began his teaching career as an English teacher at Grand Island High School in Grand Island, Neb., in 1998 before moving to Belvidere High School, where he served as an English teacher from 2001-2005. Mr. Tenopir received his bachelor's degree in English education from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1998. He went on to earn a master's degree in educational administration with a Type 75 certificate from Northern Illinois University in 2005. In 2007, Mr. Tenopir received a superintendent's endorsement on his Type 75 certificate from Northern Illinois University. Mr. Tenopir is currently working on his doctoral dissertation.

"Dr. Small has done a terrific job leading Fremd High School and developing leaders who will continue the school's excellence," commented Dr. Cates. *"Kurt Tenopir is a perfect fit for the principal position. Having led initiatives at Fremd High School for the past several years, he is familiar with the school community, and in his new role he'll have the opportunity to expand his instructional strengths and insights. He knows and relates well with students, parents, and staff. People throughout the Fremd community appreciate Kurt's positive attitude, excellent work ethic, and enthusiasm for the students of Fremd High School."*