

Welcome back!

I cannot wait to get the 2022-2023 school year off to a strong start. The first days of school are always exciting as students and teachers catch up on all the fun experiences from the summer. These relationships are what makes me so proud to be part of our school and to be an Ada Bulldog! Ada is truly a top-notch school district that provides students with premier academics as well as big school opportunities in a small school environment.

We are excited to add three new teachers to our staff this year. Mrs. Kauffman will be teaching 7th grade English language arts. Mrs. Kauffman is an experienced ELA teacher who is excited about the opportunity to engage, build relationships, and challenge her students in both reading and writing. Mr. Bivens will be our new Director of Bands and brings a wealth of knowledge gained in his 5 years as a member of The Ohio State University Marching Band. He already has the 22-23 school year off to a great start after a successful summer band camp. Finally, Mr. Acheson will be our new STEM teacher for the middle and high school. He teaches a series of courses in robotics, computer science and computer applications. He will also be the advisor for the Ada High School Bolt Robotics Team. Mr. Acheson is excited to continue to expand our STEM opportunities including a brand new laser engraver this year!

We are also welcoming a few other new staff members to our school. Dr. Britton Devier will be our new assistant principal and director of transportation. Dr. Devier is thrilled to return to his hometown and be a part of a school district that has been a huge part of shaping his life. Mr. Vernik is our new technology director and brings a wealth of experience with a myriad of different technology platforms. We are also very excited to welcome Mrs. Badertscher as our new school social worker. Mrs. Badertscher has experience in multiple different fields of social work. She is looking forward to serving our students and families through counseling, crisis intervention, and connection to support services.

I believe all of these additions and changes will help us continue to “aspire to excel in all areas of the school experience.” On behalf of myself and our staff, thank you for your support and the high value you place on the school experience!

Personally, my wife, Brittany, and I will have 2 children in the district this year: Emersyn 5th grade and Ellie 1st grade. If you are a new family to our school district, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

Go BULLDOGS!

Dan Lee, Ed.D.
Middle and High School Principal
“Aspiring to excel in all areas of the school experience.”