

# More administrative moves in Chippewa Valley

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The ripple effect of administrative retirements and promotions in Chippewa Valley Schools resulted in three new hires on June 3.

Leo Kondziolka was approved by the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education as the new Ojibwa Elementary School principal. His start date at the Macomb Township school is currently undetermined.

“When you talk about answering questions and having a track record to back up what he says he will do, he was very impressive,” Superintendent Ron Roberts said.

Kondziolka is currently principal of Pinewood Elementary School in Warren. The school is part of the Warren Woods Public Schools. He has also worked as an eighth grade teacher. Kondziolka has three children, two currently attending Ojibwa.

“And there is one thing he said in the interview that stands out and I know he backed it up because he is here, is the fact that he made a conscious decision to live in Chippewa Valley Schools because of the education they offered and he wanted to be a part of it,” Roberts said.

Kondziolka will replace Marina Licari, who last month was named the next executive director of elementary education, effective July 1. Licari will be taking over some duties previously held by two administrators. Ed Skiba, the district’s current assistant superintendent of educational services, will

retire on June 30. Don Brosky, the current executive director of elementary education, was promoted to assistant superintendent of educational services on April 15.

The Chippewa Valley board approved Jodi Pirog as the new principal of Seneca Middle School in Macomb Township on June 3. Her start date is undetermined. Pirog is currently the assistant principal of Paul K. Cousino High School, located in Warren. The school is part of the Warren Consolidated Schools. Prior to this, she served as an assistant principal at Kelly Middle School in Eastpointe, part of the Eastpointe Community Schools.

Pirog has been an elementary, middle school and adult education teacher in the Eastpointe district. She has been a K-8 instructional mentor. Prior to her career in Eastpointe, she worked for Toledo Public Schools in Toledo, Ohio as a middle School ELA teacher. She recently had a daughter graduate from the International Academy of Macomb in Clinton Township and has a son who is a ninth grader at Dakota High School in Macomb Township.

The Seneca Middle School position became vacant in December 2018 when Todd Distelrath became principal of Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township. Nicole Faehner served as the interim principal of Seneca but became the district's new director of state and federal programs and outreach on April 15.

Sarah Monnier-White was selected by the board as the Chippewa Valley Schools new director of information and technology on June 3. Her effective start day will be July 1.

Roberts said Monnier-White has worked for Chippewa Valley Schools for 20 years. She previously held the position of instructional technology coordinator, developing and implementing technology training for district staff and working with curricular leaders on methods of integrating technology into curriculum. Monnier-White developed the district's first online professional development programs.

"I think that is one thing as we have gone through this process of hiring someone, we had some consultations with people because it is a tricky position and one thing that became clear to me after talking to them was having someone who really understood the K-12 environment because that is key. And I look forward to having Sarah," Roberts said.

Prior to coming to the technology department, she was a Dakota High School social studies teacher and department chair.

Craig McBain, the district's current director of technology, will retire in August. He has been with the district for 39 years and served as the district's technology director since 2005 but has also served as a teacher and instructional technology coordinator.