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### **Ashwaubenon Announces Dirk Ribbens as High School Principal**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – April 16, 2019** —Dirk Ribbens, current associate principal at Ashwaubenon High School, will take over as the Ashwaubenon High School’s principal effective July 1, 2019. This change is the result of current principal, Brian Nelsen, announcing his retirement after serving as principal for six years.

Ribbens has been in the field of education since 1993. He began his career at Verona Area High School, where he taught Spanish from 1993 until 2003. He then made his way to the Ashwaubenon School District in 2003, teaching Spanish at Cormier, Valley View and Ashwaubenon High School. He also was an at-risk instructor from 2005 until 2007 in Ashwaubenon. Ribbens took over as the Ashwaubenon High School associate principal in 2007, and has held that position ever since.

Ribbens responded to the announcement by saying, “I am honored and excited to be the next principal at Ashwaubenon High School. I look forward to collaborating with students, staff, parents and the community to make this a place where students learn at high levels, feel safe and connected, and develop the skills to be outstanding adults after high school.” Superintendent of Schools, Kurt Weyers, expressed that, “Dirk Ribben’s administrative experience, understanding of the current trends, and district-wide vision are crucial as we make this transition of leadership at Ashwaubenon High School.”

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