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SUBJECT: NEW SUGAR GROVE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL APPOINTED
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CENTER GROVE, IN (June 20, 2013)—Rich Arkanoff, superintendent of Center Grove Community School Corporation is pleased to announce the appointment of Davin Harpe, current principal at Cardinal Elementary in Brownsburg to the position of principal at Sugar Grove Elementary.

On Thursday, June 20, the Center Grove Board of School Trustees unanimously appointed Davin Harpe to the position of principal at Sugar Grove.

Davin Harpe comes to Sugar Grove with nine years of school leadership experience, including having recently served as the principal of Cardinal Elementary in Brownsburg. Mr. Harpe is a strong supporter of providing a positive and safe school climate for all stakeholders and developing a collaborative environment with a shared vision of higher achievement.

“We are thrilled to have this opportunity to bring such a gifted administrator to Sugar Grove Elementary School.” said Rich Arkanoff, superintendent of the Center Grove Community School Corporation and the chair of the selection committee. The committee included administrators, teachers, staff and parents.

“Mr. Harpe is an exceptional educator, who has the dedication and drive that the wonderful staff at Sugar Grove have come to expect in a leader.” Mr. Arkanoff said.

“I am extremely happy to join Center Grove Community School Corporation and am eager to do all that I can to support our kids as they learn and grow,” Mr. Harpe said, “Sugar Grove enjoys a tradition of academic and cultural excellence that is the result of a supportive partnership between the school staff and families. I am looking forward to working with such dedicated families and staff to provide the best possible educational experience for our children,” Mr. Harpe said.

Mr. Harpe currently is in his second year as principal at Cardinal Elementary School, which has 590 students, in the Brownsburg Community School Corporation. Prior to that, he was principal at South Creek Elementary (Franklin Township Community School Corporation) for four years and Parkside Elementary (Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation) for two years. He was also a teacher and an assistant to the principal in Hamilton Southeastern Schools. He began his academic career as an elementary teacher in Western Boone Community School Corporation.

He holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Indiana University and a Master’s degree from Ball State University. Mr. Harpe is working on his doctorate in educational leadership at Purdue University.

Mr. Harpe currently lives in Greenwood with his wife Betsy of nine years and their children – Wyatt (5), Charlotte (4) and Maggie (7 months).

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