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Craig Smith named principal of Center Grove Middle School Central

GREENWOOD, IN (July 21, 2015) – Mr. Craig Smith will take over leadership of Center Grove Middle School Central this month. Mr. Smith's appointment was approved by the Center Grove Board of School Trustees at its meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2015. He is currently the assistant principal of Chapel Hill 7th and 8th Grade Center in Wayne Township. Mr. Smith will replace Mrs. Nora Hoover who was named the assistant director of secondary curriculum in June.

"Mr. Smith has a fantastic background in middle school education," said Dr. Rich Arkanoff, superintendent. "He has extensive experience providing professional development for teachers and working with data to improve instruction. His background and strong people skills make him an excellent choice to lead Middle School Central's outstanding staff."

"I could not be more excited to join Center Grove Community Schools," said Smith. "I look forward to continuing the traditions of excellence at Center Grove Middle School Central. My daily goal will be to show dedication in serving the students, staff, parents, and community."

Craig Smith has worked in education for 13 years. He began his career teaching fifth grade at Break-O-Day Elementary in Clark Pleasant Community Schools. He also taught fifth grade at Jeremiah Gray-Edison Elementary and social studies at Perry Meridian Middle school, both in Perry Township. He has served as Chapel Hill's assistant principal since 2006.

Mr. Smith holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and a master's degree in education administration from Butler University. He and his wife Jennifer have a son and a daughter.

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Photo attachment: Craig Smith