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### **Carmel Clay Schools Names Dr. Tim Phares as New Principal of Creekside Middle School**

Carmel, IN – Carmel Clay Schools’ Board of Trustees voted to appoint Dr. Tim Phares to serve as the next principal of Creekside Middle School, effective July 7, at a board meeting held July 6. Dr. Phares will succeed outgoing principal Dr. Thomas Harmas who has been selected as the new principal of Carmel High School.

Dr. Tim Phares has spent 17 years in education, most recently serving seven of those years as principal of Towne Meadow Elementary. He began his career at Carmel Clay Schools’ Orchard Park Elementary, teaching kindergarten and fifth grade. He has also held roles as an assistant principal at Prairie Trace Elementary and principal at Orchard Park Elementary. He has served on various CCS committees, including the High Ability Math Program Evaluation, Math Textbook Adoption and Teacher of the Year. Dr. Phares received his Masters degree in Educational Leadership and Doctorate from Ball State University.



Dr. Nicholas D. Wahl, Superintendent of Schools, was eager to recommend Dr. Phares as the principal of Creekside Middle School. “When talking with Creekside students and staff, they wanted a leader who was approachable, innovative and student-centered,” said Dr. Wahl. “Tim has been and continues to be an invaluable asset to Carmel Clay Schools and the community. I’m confident that his leadership skills, dedication to the profession and passion for meeting the needs of the whole child will continue to bring excellence to Creekside Middle School. Thank you to the parents and staff who took the time to offer their insight and feedback in our search for selecting a new principal.”

Dr. Phares extended his appreciation to the Board and Superintendent Wahl for being selected to the new role. “I am humbled and honored to be selected as the principal at Creekside Middle School. Creekside is an example of educational excellence and I could not think of a better place for me to continue to learn and grow in my educational journey. I look forward to meeting the students, families and staff at Creekside and building positive relationships for years to come.”

Dr. Phares and his wife reside in Carmel with their four children. He plays an active role in Carmel Dad's Club as a youth sports coach. In his free time, he enjoys attending professional baseball games around the country and spending time with family and friends.

The search for a new principal at Towne Meadow Elementary will begin immediately. Superintendent Wahl intends to name a new principal before school resumes in August.

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