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### **Carmel Clay Schools Names Deanna Pitman as New Principal of Carmel Middle School**

Carmel, IN – Carmel Clay Schools’ Board of Trustees voted to appoint Deanna Pitman to become the next principal of Carmel Middle School, effective July 7, at a board meeting held July 6. Mrs. Pitman will replace former Carmel Middle School principal Lila Jay who last month was named the new principal of Smoky Row Elementary.

The former Forest Dale Elementary principal is no stranger to Carmel Middle School, having spent eight years of her 23-year career there as a sixth grade teacher. She has a combined 14 years’ experience in a middle school setting and has also held various leadership roles within Carmel Clay Schools including serving as Assistant Principal at Creekside Middle School and Principal at College Wood Elementary. Mrs. Pitman received her undergraduate degree from Northern Illinois University and her Masters in Education Administration from Ball State University.



“Deanna brings a wealth of teaching and administrative experience and takes to heart the mission and vision of Carmel Clay Schools,” said Superintendent Dr. Nicholas D. Wahl. “When talking with Carmel Middle School parents and staff, they envisioned a leader who was firm and fair and one who is an effective communicator with a visible presence. Deanna’s skill set and personality are an excellent fit for the position and I’m confident she will continue to build upon the strong foundation of excellence that is Carmel Middle School. I thank the parents and staff for their valuable insight and feedback in our search for selecting a new principal.”

Mrs. Pitman is looking forward to returning to Carmel Middle School, a place she knows and loves. “Carmel Middle is a wonderful school with a supportive community grounded in a history of tradition,” said Pitman. “As a former teacher there, I know firsthand the passion that students, parents and staff members have for their education. I am honored to have been selected to continue the great history here and I look forward to building lasting relationships with students, families and the staff.”

Mrs. Pitman and her husband reside in Carmel. She enjoys watching her son play baseball and spending quality time with her husband, son, four stepchildren and one grandson.

The search for a new principal at Forest Dale Elementary will begin immediately. Superintendent Wahl will name a new principal before school resumes in August.

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