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**WJHSD Hires Two Assistant Superintendents**

Jefferson Hills, PA - The West Jefferson Hills School Board of Directors approved the hiring of two Assistant Superintendents at a special board meeting on May 10, 2017. Mr. Scott Milburn will serve as Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, and Mr. Matthew Patterson will take on the role of Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education with three-year contracts beginning July 1, 2017.

The Assistant Superintendent positions were created to address the needs of the district. Superintendent Dr. Michael Ghilani does not believe in the traditional district model of having an Assistant Superintendent and a Director of Curriculum supporting a district of this size. "I have found it much more successful to put a team in place where Assistant Superintendents oversee the educational support at elementary and secondary levels. This ultimately maximizes their effectiveness and provides a greater impact on our students," says Ghilani.

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Matthew Patterson will provide educational support for Grades K-6 and serve as the Federal Programs Coordinator. According to Dr. Ghilani, “One of Matt’s greatest strengths is his ability to implement clear and consistent systems and processes across the board, which is something our district is lacking.”

Scott Milburn will work with the principals to provide educational support for Grades 7 - 12 and oversee the safety and security of the district. Ghilani describes Milburn as “an educational engineer who can take ideas, develop a plan and put it into fruition.”

Ghilani stated that the addition of Mr. Patterson and Mr. Milburn will complement his own skill sets and lead to improved procedures and continued growth and expansion for the district. He believes that “the synergy among the three of us will equate to something great.”

Scott Milburn was the Director of Secondary Education, Grades 7-12, of the Montour School District. He has earned a Bachelor’s Degree from Indiana University of PA in Elementary Education, a Master’s Degree in Public Policy Management from Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz School, and a Superintendent Letter of Eligibility from Franciscan University. Mr. Milburn started his career in the Pittsburgh Public Schools as an elementary school teacher and assistant principal. He then spent the next four years as an assistant principal in the Bethel Park School District and five years as the principal of South Fayette High School. Mr. Milburn resides in Mount Lebanon with his wife Shelagh and their three children.

Mr. Patterson has held previous positions as elementary principal and served as the Director of Elementary Education in the Corry Area School District in southeast Erie County. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education, a Master’s of Education Degree in School Leadership along with a Certificate of

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Advanced Graduate Study in School Administration K-12, from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, and a Superintendent Letter of Eligibility from Gannon University. Mr. Patterson is currently working on a Ph.D. in the field of Organizational Learning and Leadership at Gannon with an expected graduation date in the Spring of 2019. Mr. Patterson and his wife Bethany are looking to relocate to the Pittsburgh area with their three school-aged children.

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