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RE: Tony Strump selected as Principal of Rolland-Warner Middle School



A veteran Lapeer Community Schools administrator, Tony Strump, was selected to be the first principal of the new Rolland-Warner Middle School set to open in the fall of 2010. It is a return trip for him to the place he began his career in 1988.

Mr. Strump has been assistant principal at Zemmer Junior High School for eight years and will continue in that job until the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

A graduate of Kalamazoo College, Mr. Strump began his career as a lead teacher and principal for the alternative education program at the Woodside School, the site of the ongoing renovations of Rolland-Warner Middle School.

Later, he worked in the District's central office as a supervisor for at-risk students until becoming assistant principal at Zemmer.

In addition to his bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College, Mr. Strump has two master's degrees from Michigan State University, one in curriculum and teaching and the other in adult and continuing education. He is currently working at Oakland University on an Education Specialist Program.

"We want to provide Lapeer Community Schools with a true middle school program at Rolland-Warner and Zemmer and have it be the focus of the community," he said. "We are putting together this program for our community so that it will become well known throughout the State. That starts at home with the community taking ownership and moving forward with it and doing what is right for kids."

Mr. Strump lives in Lapeer with his wife, Susan, who is a counselor at North Branch Community Schools.

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