

Leadership changes underway

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Several changes in leadership are in the works at Centennial School District.

Superintendent Paul Stremick has accepted a position in North Dakota and is leaving the district at the end of the school year.

"I couldn't pass up the opportunity to return to North Dakota and a superintendency that includes my home town," said Stremick. "I want to thank the Centennial School Board for the opportunity to lead the district for the past two years, and thank the Centennial community for being so welcoming."

The Centennial School Board accepted Stremick's resignation at a special Centennial School Board meeting April 18.

"Dr. Stremick has led the district during difficult times characterized by budget challenges that required staffing reductions," said Christina Wilson, Centennial School Board Chair. "We wish him well and thank him for his service."

Since there is insufficient time for an extensive search for a new superintendent, the board is seeking a replacement with plans to offer a one-year contract. Their ideal candidate will be a former superintendent who has had experience dealing with some of the same issues Centennial is experiencing. The one-year contract will allow the board to fill the leadership position while considering a more comprehensive superintendent search beginning in early 2012.

The board also accepted Centennial Middle School Principal Glen Stevens' resignation after one year of service.



"My experience at Centennial has been great," Stevens said. "It just wasn't the fit I was hoping for. Sometimes things don't work out, you learn from the experience, and you move on," Stevens said. "I will say that having to leave all of the great kids at the middle school is the hardest

part of my decision."

"We sincerely wish Glen the best," said Superintendent Stremick, noting another Stevens, Bob, has been tapped to take the lead at the middle school. Bob Stevens is principal at Centerville Elementary, a post he has held since 2002. Previously Bob served as an assistant principal at the middle school.

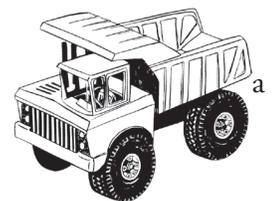
"Bob has experience at the middle school, having served as an assistant principal there for three years," said Stremick. "He will ensure a smooth transition for students, staff and the greater Centennial community."

"While I am excited to take the helm at Centennial Middle School, I know I will miss the staff and community members I have worked with over the past nine years at Centerville Elementary," said Bob. "Along with the middle school staff, I look forward to working with students and their families as they transition from the elementary level, through the middle school and onto the high school."

Plans are underway to fill the Centerville Elementary principal position.

Check out the fun vehicles at annual truck day celebration May 7

See what the trucks around your neighborhood look like close up, climb in, touch them and see what they do. This free event runs 10 am - noon, Saturday, May 7 at Rice Lake Elementary. There will also be basket sale - come early for the best selection. Sponsored by Centennial Early Childhood Family Education.



Fun, safe summer care available

New adventures await participants at Centennial Kids Club. This exciting and long-standing community child care program offers both part and full time enrollment options at Rice Lake and Blue Heron Elementary this summer. Splendid themes, special interest clubs, weekly field trips, and a variety of on-site activities are planned balancing academic, creative, and physical curriculum areas. When weather permits, participants spend time outside in structured and free play, as well as for picnic lunches. Get more information by clicking Kids Club or by calling 763-792-6110.