



THREE LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Press Release

### Justin Szews Named Next Principal at Three Lakes Junior High/High School

**Three Lakes, Wisconsin** — Three Lakes School District is pleased to announce that Justin Szews has accepted the position of Three Lakes 7-12 principal beginning with the 2021-22 school year. Szews is currently the high school principal at Lakeland Union High School in Minoqua, Wis.

“Justin brings a rare combination of outstanding qualifications and attributes to our district,” said Three Lakes District Administrator Teri Maney. “Not only has he been a successful educator and administrator, but he is also a member of our community. He has a clear understanding of the challenges schools face in northern rural Wisconsin.”

Szews, who lives in Sugar Camp with his wife, Tara, and their four children, has a long resume of experience in Northwoods public education. Before his position as Lakeland’s high school principal, Szews served as Lakeland’s high-school assistant principal, and before that, Lakeland’s activities director and dean of students. He also worked in the Rhinelander School District as an activities director. Szews received his undergraduate and master’s degrees from UW-Stevens Point, where he also spent time as an assistant football coach. He graduated high school from Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

The Association of Wisconsin School Administrators named Szews Assistant Principal of the Year in 2018, and he was one of three finalists for the 2018 National Assistant Principal of the Year.

Maney stated that Szews has extensive training in educator professional development and instructional programming, which she believes will be especially important in a small school district like Three Lakes.

“Justin is active in our community and will be a familiar face to many who may not know him personally but will recognize him when they see him. We feel fortunate to have found the perfect person to fill the role of Three Lakes 7-12 principal.”

“I am very excited for the new opportunity in the Three Lakes School District,” Szews said. “I look forward to working with the staff, students and community to help move the district forward into the future — with the goal of providing our students with the best educational programming possible. And, I am thrilled to work in the community in which we live.”

Szews will take over responsibilities in July 2021 following the retirement of Gene Welhoefer, who is the current Three Lakes 7-12 principal.

**About TLSD** - *Three Lakes School District is located in Oneida County, Wisconsin, in the heart of the Northwoods. Our district includes Sugar Camp Elementary, Three Lakes Elementary and Three Lakes Jr./Sr. High schools and the communities of Hiles, Monico, Piehl, Stella, Sugar Camp and Three Lakes. Our award-winning district has received a 2017 Magna Award Honorable Mention and has been recognized as a Title 1 School of Recognition.*