

BARKER CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Barker Central School Community,

I am humbled to join the Barker Central School learning community as your new PK-12 principal! I am honored to become your instructional leader. We will work together toward a common goal: to "provide a school environment that fosters respect, compassion, tolerance, and nurtures life-long learners who make meaningful contributions to society." The passion for the Barker community and the school is evident in conversing with staff, administration, students, parents, and board members. The tremendous dedication to ensuring a high-quality educational experience is inspiring. I am excited to work with you to maintain a positive and innovative learning environment, fulfilling our vision to "bring out the best in each individual in our community," which sets the Barker Central School District apart.

I am thrilled to return to my small-town roots here at Barker! I grew up in Sherman, NY, a small, rural community in Southern Chautauqua County, similar to Barker. The tight-knit community here reminds me of my childhood and teaching experience as an elementary educator at Clymer Central School. I earned my undergraduate and graduate degrees from St. Bonaventure University in Elementary and Early Childhood Education and Educational Leadership, respectively. I continue to develop my skills as a learner and leader through my work in the Educational Leadership doctoral program at D'Youville University. I look forward to using my previous leadership experience as a High School Assistant Principal and Interim Principal at Global Concepts Charter School as your PK-12 principal.

My family is my world! My husband and I currently live in the Buffalo area with our 1.5-year-old son, and we have another on the way in just a few weeks! We love to spend the weekends having fun together. Some of our favorite places to visit are the zoo and any children's/science museum. I love to ski, sing, go on adventures, and cheer on the Buffalo Bills!

I am enthusiastic to venture with you on this new journey and am eager to meet you. Please feel free to contact me at any time. It is a pleasure to be a part of the team and join the Barker community!

Go Barker (and Go Bills)!

Sincerely,

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