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## Warren Central announces new principal

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Colton Isaacs

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Warren Central High School Assistant Principal Colton Isaacs did not get much sleep Thursday night.

He knew that come Friday afternoon, the school would announce he would soon take over as principal. He was joined by district leaders, educators and his family to celebrate the news.

“I’m so excited, just can’t wait to hit the ground running and get in the trenches with the people, get things rockin’ and rollin’ and hopefully make some magic happen,” he told the Daily News at the event.



Isaacs graduated from Western Kentucky University in 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and a minor in Biology. He received his Masters in Education in 2018 from the University of the Cumberlands and completed the Principal Certification Program in 2021 at WKU.

Isaacs has spent eight years in various roles throughout WCHS, humbly beginning as a substitute teacher in an English classroom before receiving an emergency certification to teach 11th grade.

Emergency certified teachers are let go at the end of each year, but Isaacs wouldn't let go of WCHS. He said he fell in love with the diversity and passion he saw among students.

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“I was just trying to figure out, how can I stay here?” he said. ‘What can I do to continue to work here at Warren Central High School?’ ”

He found his way back as a biology teacher for four years before becoming a behavior interventionist and a building assessment coordinator. He then received his principal certification and moved up to dean of students, then assistant principal and now – principal.

That non-traditional path, Isaacs said, gives him “a unique lens to look through.” He pointed specifically to his experience with assessments and looks forward to exploring “where have we been, where do we need to go and what do we need to do in order to get there.”

He said he went into education knowing he would one day like to serve in administration, yet “got here a lot quicker” than he would have expected thanks to the trust of Warren Central’s school-based decision making council and district leaders like Superintendent Rob Clayton.

“Through his commitment and dedication, Mr. Isaacs has developed a strong reputation for keeping students at the heart of all decisions,” Clayton stated in a release. “He recognizes the importance of developing positive relationships with students, staff, parents and community partners in an environment centered around high expectations and consistent accountability for all stakeholders. His vision and passion for the Central community is admirable and his belief in others is contagious.”

Isaacs will begin as principal officially come July 1.

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