



Jodie Hausmann to Lead Connect ITC as Next Executive Director



August 16, 2021 ... Connect, the largest Information Technology Center (ITC) in Ohio serving more than 160 schools, has named Jodie Hausmann as the next executive director beginning August 16. Hausmann has most recently served as superintendent of Bay Village City Schools. She will replace John Mitchell, who after 21 years of leading this ITC, is retiring. “We are proud of and grateful for John’s leadership and stability as our ITC grew from the old days of the Lakeshore Northeast Ohio Computer Association to the merged North Coast Council to our reimaged Connect,” said Connect Chairperson and Superintendent of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio Bob Mengerink.

Prior to Hausmann’s role as superintendent in Bay Village, she was the superintendent of Perkins Local School District and director of teaching and learning for Parma City Schools.

“Jodie brings with her a background that includes a unique combination of educational leadership, instructional pedagogy and technology,” said Mengerink. “This experience and understanding of district needs will allow Jodie to continue leading Connect towards our vision of a premier ITC. As school districts find themselves relying on innovative solutions to transform their educational models, Jodie will help ensure Connect also evolves to be the primary source of service and support for new technology needs of districts in their operations, collaboration and instruction.”

“My new position will allow me to grow professionally in a different sector within the education industry,” said Hausmann. “I look forward to being our districts’ partner in designing a trusted learning environment within their school buildings by supporting safety protocols, cybersecurity best practices, technology upgrades, and valid data for decision-making.”

Hausmann is a recipient of the 2018 Betsy M. Cowles Women in Leadership Award from the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and, in 2020, was named a “Superintendent to Watch” by the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA). Additionally, during her tenure in Bay Village City Schools, the district was named a “Top Workplace in 2020.”

Hausmann earned her superintendent license at Cleveland State University; principal’s license at the nationally recognized “First Ring Leadership Academy” at Cleveland State University; Masters in Educational Technology at Baldwin Wallace University; and Bachelor of Science in elementary education at Cleveland State University.