



Press Release
Richland County Community Unit School District #1

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**RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECOGNIZES PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION DAY**

Friday, October 26th is Principal Appreciation Day across Illinois. This state-endorsed recognition was first approved by the Governor of Illinois in 1990 and is annually celebrated. “The role of the principal holds a special place for me,” stated Larry Bussard, Superintendent of Schools for Richland County School District. “I spent many years in this position, and I know the work and dedication necessary to do the job. The Richland County School District is fortunate to have such a high-quality group of principals and other administrative staff that strive every day to make decisions based on the best interest of students.”

The Richland County School District is served by building principals and assistant principals in three schools. A listing of these is below.

Richland County High School

- Chad LeCrone - Principal
- Andy Julian - Assistant Principal

Richland County Middle School

- Cris Edwards - Principal
- Darrell Houchin - Assistant Principal

Richland County Elementary School

- Andy Thomann - Intermediate Grades Principal
- Margaret Hahn - Primary Grades Principal
- Jennifer Tedford - Early Childhood/Pre-Kindergarten Program Administrator
- Mick Whittler - District Special Needs Coordinator

The week of October 21-27, 2018, is designated as **Principals Week**, and Friday, October 26, 2018, as **Principals Day** in Illinois. The purpose of this proclamation is to recognize principals for the unique role they play in providing each child with the opportunity to receive a quality education and foundation for a successful future.

Principal Appreciation Day provides learning communities an opportunity to publicly recognize the work, commitment and importance of principals, assistant principals, and deans throughout the state. The Richland County School District invites all teachers, students, parents and community members to acknowledge the leadership of building administrators in Illinois’ public schools.