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### **NACS Superintendent Chris Himsel to retire June 30** *Search for his replacement to begin immediately*

**Fort Wayne, Ind. (Monday, March 28, 2022)** –The Board of School Trustees for Northwest Allen County Schools tonight approved continued medical leave and use of accrued sick days through June 30 for Superintendent Chris Himsel. Upon the conclusion of his leave, Dr. Himsel will officially retire as of June 30.

“Chris Himsel has done an excellent job as superintendent for NACS, and I wish Chris and his family the very best,” said Ron Felger, president, Board of School Trustees for NACS. “We’re hopeful that as we return to life before COVID, our NACS community can also come back together and get beyond our differences.”

In the meantime, NACS will immediately post the open position for a permanent superintendent.

“We are pleased to be moving forward and having the NACS School Board in agreement,” said Dr. Steve Yager, temporary superintendent, NACS. “Our intention is to begin searching for a new, full-time superintendent.”

Dr. Himsel served as superintendent for the past 12 years, with 26 years in education administration. Dr. Himsel began his career in 1989 as a mathematics teacher.

Dr. Himsel’s retirement and release agreement is available upon request. Here are highlights of the agreement:

- The superintendent will remain on medical leave from the present time through June 30, 2022, utilizing accrued sick days. He will also maintain all his health, dental and vision benefits through Sept. 30, as such coverage will have been prepaid by June 30. The value of the salary associated benefits and taxes for this period is roughly \$87,914.
- The superintendent will be paid for 50 percent of unused sick and personal days according to NACS’ longstanding administrative guidelines; the value is approximately \$22,620.
- The superintendent will be paid for unused vacation days according to NACS policy and past practice; the value is estimated at \$24,156.
- All salary and benefits will cease if the superintendent begins work with another employer prior to June 30.
- NACS will deposit \$53,502 into the superintendent’s 401(a) account which, if the superintendent contributes an additional \$9,947 of his own funds, will be sufficient to purchase 12 months of additional TRF credits, in fulfillment of the superintendent’s contract for the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.
- NACS accepts the superintendent’s irrevocable decision to retire on June 30.
- NACS may continue to employ a temporary superintendent and is permitted to immediately begin the search for a permanent superintendent.

Northwest Allen County Schools believes in providing a healthy and safe learning environment that engages, supports and challenges each learner in a culture of achievement and excellence. More information about NACS may be found at [nacs.k12.in.us](http://nacs.k12.in.us). NACS serves and estimated 7,922 students in 11 schools spanning three townships in Allen County, Ind.

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