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WCS Board of Education appoints Dr. John C. Bernia Superintendent of Schools

Warren, MI – The Warren Consolidated Schools Board of Education unanimously voted to appoint Dr. John C. Bernia as the next superintendent of schools at their May 1, Board meeting.

Bernia will replace current superintendent, Dr. Robert D. Livernois, who will retire August 30, after a distinguished 36-year career in public education. Livernois has lead WCS since 2008.

Bernia is currently the superintendent of Walled Lake Consolidated School District in Oakland County. Prior to joining Walled Lake Consolidated School District, Bernia was the Chief Academic Officer for Warren Consolidated Schools for six years, as well as the principal of Carleton Middle School.

“I do not know of anyone more suited to fill Dr. Livernois’ shoes at this time,” Board President Susan Trombley said. “The familiarity with our district and the comments made during his interview were overwhelming that this is the right choice for WCS.”

Bernia brings with him a combined 21 years in public education. He began his career as a 7th grade Social Studies teacher in Lake Orion Community Schools, was promoted to assistant principal and principal in Lake Orion, served as principal at Carleton Middle School in WCS, before being appointed the WCS Chief Academic Officer in 2016.

While at Warren Consolidated Schools, Bernia served as a member of the superintendent’s cabinet, supervised and lead building administrators, the curriculum department, Special Education department, public relations, and student services. Bernia also served as the superintendent’s designee for bond projects.

Bernia holds a Doctorate in Education in Organizational Leadership from Oakland University, an Education Specialist Degree in Education Leadership from Oakland University, and a Master of Arts degree in Education Leadership from Oakland University.

“I can’t tell you what this means to me and my family,” Bernia said. “I can’t describe how hard it was to leave this district, but we are so excited to come back here and be part of the community again. I can’t thank the board enough for the opportunity, and I want you to know that I will come back and work as hard as you would expect me to and deliver a product you can be proud of.”

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Bernia's expected start date is July 1, where he will work alongside Livernois during a two-month transition period.

"Dr. Livernois saw something in me that I didn't see in myself a long time ago, and I owe him a lot," Bernia said. "I know how much he cares about WCS and I promise you, I will take good care of it."

Bernia is married to Jennifer, and together they have two school-aged daughters.

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