

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WHITEFISH BAY

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The Whitefish Bay School District



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## **School District of Whitefish Bay Names New Activities Director**



Superintendent Dr. John W. Thomsen and High School Principal Amy Levek are excited to announce that Mr. Jeff Worzella has been selected as the new Activities Director for Whitefish Bay High School. Mr. Worzella will officially begin this role on July 24, 2018.

Mr. Worzella's most recent position was as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in the Mequon Thiensville School District where he taught science and language arts, was a member of the Computer-Aided Design (CAD) Team, and participated on the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Site Team. Mr. Worzella began his career as an educator in 2008 in Milwaukee Public Schools as a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. In 2010, Mr. Worzella was hired by the Wauwatosa School District to teach 5<sup>th</sup> grade, where he was also a member of the School Leadership Team, and an advisor to various student clubs.

Jeff Worzella has ties to our district as he coached the varsity boys' soccer team in 2015 when they won a State championship. Mr. Worzella has other extensive coaching experience as well. Mr. Worzella coached boys' soccer at Wauwatosa West and Wauwatosa East before Whitefish Bay high school; girls' soccer at Wauwatosa West and Waukesha North high schools; and girls' basketball at Wauwatosa West, Waukesha North and Divine Savior Holy Angels high schools.

Jeff Worzella graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee in 2007. Jeff currently holds a teaching license for grade 1 through grade 8 from the Department of Public Instruction and looks to complete his administrator licensure from Wisconsin Lutheran College in December of 2018.

During the interview process, staff and community members found Jeff Worzella to be relatable, motivating, thoughtful, balanced, and passionate about academics, activities, and athletics. His skills and experiences mirror those the staff and parents noted as desirable in our Activities Director Profile Survey previously conducted in 2016.

From Mr. Worzella, “I could not be more thrilled to join the School District of Whitefish Bay and to get to know all of the great students, staff and families in the community. The School District of Whitefish Bay is known for its great academics, athletics and activities, and I’m looking forward to building on this excellence for many years to come.”

On Jeff Worzella’s hire, Principal Levek stated – “I am excited that Jeff will be joining our high school team. His sincerity, reflective capacity, track record of hard work, growth mindset and clear focus on fostering a positive student experience for ALL kids make him a perfect fit for this critical role. I am confident that Jeff will position our students, coaches and advisors for great success in the upcoming school year.”

The School Board approved Mr. Worzella’s contract on July 23, 2018. Mr. Worzella replaces Mr. Kasmarick who will be returning to the Elmbrook School District as a teacher and instructional leader/coach. We thank Mr. Kasmarick for his service to the District and wish him well.

Welcome to Whitefish Bay Mr. Jeff Worzella!

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