

# Osburn to return as assistant principal

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Former English teacher Kaine Osburn will return to Niles West next year as Assistant Principal to replace the departing John Mensik.

According to Principal Dale Vogler, Osburn's name "rose to the top" when possible successors to Mensik were being considered.

Osburn taught English in District 219 for seven years and served as summer school dean. He was vice president and executive board member of the Niles Township Federation of Teachers (NTFT) and sat on the Educational Policy Advisory Council (EPAC) and the Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC).

Last year, he received his Type 75 Administrative Certificate from Loyola University, a necessary criterion for holding an administrative position, and expressed a desire to secure an administrative position in District 219, after completing his internship with Mensik. However, no positions were available for the 2005-06 academic year, so he accepted an offer from Wheeling High School to be English and Fine Arts division head.

Osburn said that he eagerly anticipates "leaping into a leadership role" at West and looks forward to returning to the school he loves.

"It felt like a chance to come home," Osburn said of his decision to return to West. He asserted that his first challenge will be to make sure that all the summer construction and renovations throughout the school go smoothly, "so the students can return to a safe school in the fall."

Osburn will assume his new position July 1 upon Mensik's departure to become principal of Glenbard North High School in Carol Stream.