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Assistant Commissioner Sandra Walter leaving IHSAA staff

Sandra Walter, who has served on the executive staff of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) the last 10 years, has announced her intention to leave this summer.

Walter was approved this evening by the Franklin Township School Board to become the next athletic director at Franklin Central High School in Indianapolis. Her departure from the IHSAA is effective July 1, 2022.

Completing her 30th year in education, Sandra joined the Indiana High School Athletic Association on June 4, 2012, as an assistant commissioner and administered the sports of boys and girls soccer, girls basketball and gymnastics. She also assumed leadership of the officials department and oversight of sportsmanship initiatives. Sandra's time at the IHSAA also included working alongside the Technology Director in developing and implementing a membership portal inclusive of all IHSAA customers – member schools, officials, coaches, and affiliates connected to education-based athletics across Indiana.

"Sandra Walter has served the student athletes of Indiana, the membership of the Indiana High School Athletic Association and thousands of licensed officials with exemplary dedication and passionate service in her role as Assistant Commissioner," said IHSAA Commissioner Paul Neidig.

"On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, we thank Sandra for her leadership and offer our best wishes for success in the future."



Prior to her time with the IHSAA, Walter had spent 12 years at Lawrence Central High School, the last 10 as the athletic director. She was the women's sports director at Hamilton Southeastern (1999-00), athletic director at Knightstown (1998-99) and began her career at Rushville (1992-98) as a mathematics teacher. She added responsibilities as assistant athletic director (1993-98) and coached the women's varsity track and field team (1995-98).

As a school administrator, Sandra served as tournament director for 18 different IHSAA sports and is still an active member of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) and Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (IIAAA), serving as president of the IIAAA in 2007-08.

Walter earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Ball State University in 1992 and completed her master's in athletic administration in 1997. She is a 1988 graduate of Brookville High School in southeastern Indiana.

About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its 407 member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private – pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 22 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and two co-ed (unified flag football and unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.