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Assistant Commissioner Janie Ulmer leaving IHSAA Staff

Janie Ulmer, who has served on the executive staff of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) for the last two years, has announced her intention to leave this summer.

Ulmer was approved last evening by the Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of School Trustees to become an assistant principal at Fishers High School. Her last day with the IHSAA will be June 30, 2024.

Ulmer joined the IHSAA August 1, 2022, as an assistant commissioner and administered the sports of girls basketball, girls gymnastics, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field. She also directed the IHSAA's sportsmanship program.

"Working with students has always been my passion, and I am grateful to once again to have the opportunity to lead in a school," Ulmer said. "I have truly valued my time at the IHSAA and have not only grown professionally, but personally as well. I have been blessed to work alongside a very knowledgeable and committed team who are passionate about what they do and the education-based system that they protect."

"Janie has served the student athletes of Indiana and the membership of the Indiana High School Athletic Association 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 Janie for her leadership and offer our best wishes for success in the future."

A career educator prior to arriving at the IHSAA, Ulmer spent five years with Hamilton Southeastern Schools, the last two as the principal at Hamilton Southeastern High School (2020-22) in Fishers. From 2017-2020, she served as Director of the Hamilton Southeastern Fishers Academy (HSEF), an off-site alternative education program she helped launch for both Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers high schools. In that role, she managed all functions of the program including staffing, development of academic programs, student services and facilities.

Prior to that, Ulmer spent 24 years in the LaPorte Community School Corporation in northwest Indiana. She was Director of Virtual Learning, an alternative high school within LaPorte High School, from 2012-17. And from 1993-2012, she taught mathematics to seventh and eighth graders at Kesling Middle School in LaPorte.



Ulmer is a 1989 graduate of Valparaiso University earning a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics with a minor in Secondary Education. She went on to earn an Master's degree in Educational Leadership from American College of Education in Chicago in 2012. She is an alumnus of LaPorte High School where she was a member of the Slicers' varsity girls basketball team, later serving as an assistant coach, and helped in a supporting role with the baseball team under late Hall of Fame coach Ken Schreiber.

Ulmer is engaged to Christopher Hagenow and she has two adult children – Zachary (Maria) Ulmer and Kate Ulmer - and two grandsons – Elliott and Everett.

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 411-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 24 sports, 11 for girls, 11 for boys and two co-ed (unified flag football, unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.