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Madison announces Joe Bronkella as new Athletic Director.

Madison, IN: Madison Consolidated Schools has announced Joe Bronkella as the new Athletic Director. Bronkella comes to Madison from Columbus, IN where he was most recently a Physical Education teacher and Athletic Director at Central Middle School.

A graduate of both Highland High School and Anderson University, Mr. Bronkella, an Anderson native, holds a Bachelor of Arts Education in Physical Education and Health Minor and received a Master's of Education from Indiana Wesleyan. "Joe brings a vast amount of teaching experience in the areas of Special Education, Math, Physical Education, and Health at the middle and high school levels," states Michael Gasaway, Principal at MCHS.

Bronkella's coaching experience spans multiple sports and age groups from elementary to middle and high school aged athletes over his fifteen years of experience. While still in college, Mr. Bronkella began his coaching career as an elementary basketball coach in Anderson. Upon graduation, he landed a spot as a varsity assistant football coach at Anderson High School, was the Assistant Director of College Prep Camp at Anderson University, and joined Anderson South Side Middle School as a Special Education teacher and Athletic Director.

After a short time teaching and coaching in Florida, Mr. Bronkella returned to Indiana where he joined the Bartholomew Consolidated School district in 2005 as a Special Education teacher and JV Baseball coach at Columbus East High School. In 2006, he joined the staff of Central Middle School where he worked as a Physical Education/Health teacher at both the high school and middle school and assisted with middle school basketball. Since 2011, Bronkella has been at the helm of athletics at Central Middle School. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Bronkella oversees the daily operations and logistics for a competitive, growing athletic program and feeder system for both Columbus High Schools. The middle school program consists of 25 teams which serve a large number of athletes across various sports providing excellent opportunities for students.

Since coming to Columbus, Bronkella has coached track, baseball, basketball, and football. As an assistant coach he guided the Central Middle School track team to an undefeated season and was a member of the Columbus East High School Freshman football staff during their undefeated season. "I am very excited to get started. I have always heard what a great family the community of Madison is and we are anxious to be a part of that," shared Bronkella. Joe, his wife Collette, and their daughters Grace and Libby will begin their search for relocation to Madison in the near future.

Madison received seventeen applications for the AD position. "After an extensive search for our next athletic director for MCHS & MJHS, Joe demonstrated all of the characteristics and qualities our committee was looking for to lead our athletic department. Joe will do a great job of being accessible,

organized, and innovative with our athletic programs and department. We are very excited to have Joe joining our Madison family and look forward to the direction he will lead us,” shared Gasaway.

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