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## Fitzgerald Public Schools' growth spurs new hires

*Surge in enrollment the main factor in staff additions*

**WARREN, Mich.** – Fitzgerald Public School today announced the district has hired more than 15 employees for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.

“We are pleased to welcome the new staff members into our growing Fitzgerald family,” said **Superintendent Barbara VanSweden**. “We look forward to working with our new staff to continue supporting our warm and welcoming environment where every student thrives and achieves.”

Several of the new hires staff were a result of growing enrollment, particularly in the elementary grades. Last year, the district saw gains that required adding a section of kindergarten. Enrollment numbers so far for the upcoming year indicate that the trend continues this year.

Other new staff members were hired to replace retirees, and some replace teachers who were promoted to administrative posts.

The new staff members are:

- **Angie Abernathy**, bus driver
- **Shelby Beauregard**, special education resource teacher, Fitzgerald High School
- **DeAwné Brooks**, afternoon custodian
- **Kari Colling**, special education resource room teacher, Chatterton Middle School
- **Kelly Dalia-Warner**, first grade teacher, Westview Lower Elementary School
- **Zachary Donnelly**, band teacher, Chatterton Middle School and Fitzgerald High School
- **Erica Folino**, special education resource room teacher, Westview and Mound Park elementaries
- **Joan Fry**, kindergarten special education teacher, Schofield Early Childhood Center
- **Nick Kleinschmidt**, science teacher, Fitzgerald High School
- **Kathryn McDonald**, science teacher, Fitzgerald High School
- **Jessica Miles**, fourth-grade teacher, Mound Park Upper Elementary School
- **Stephanie Palmer**, district-wide school social worker
- **Jamie Parsons**, media clerk, Schofield Early Childhood Center
- **Amy Phillips**, secretary, High School Athletic Coordinator
- **Erin Stein**, ELA teacher, Chatterton Middle School
- **Brianna Waggoner**, ELA academic interventionist, Chatterton Middle School
- **Kelly Weingust**, kindergarten teacher, Schofield Early Childhood Center
- **Jeffrey Wynn**, CTE marketing and social studies teacher, Fitzgerald High School

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