



# Howard-Winneshiek Community School District

## Crestwood Middle School

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Dear Parents/Caregivers of Crestwood Middle School Students,

My name is Tyler Wedemeier (*Wē-də-meyer*) and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Middle School Principal. I just wrapped up five years in the Decorah School District as a teacher and instructional coach. Before that, I taught middle school science in Forest City, Iowa. In collaboration with administration, teachers, parents, and students, I am thrilled to serve the Howard Winneshiek School District,

I grew up in the farming community of Westgate, Iowa; a small town about an hour south of Cresco. I graduated from West Central Community School District and continued my education at Luther College. My wife, Sam, is a Decorah native which brings us back to the area. She is a Physical Therapist at Winneshiek Medical Center in Decorah. Previously, she served the Accura Nursing Home in Cresco. Together we have three children who keep us busy and entertained.

As your principal, my mission is to enhance a culture where students and staff want to come to school. This happens when students grow academically, staff and students feel supported, and our community is involved. It is my goal to first build relationships with those I serve. It is through these relationships that the work of education is most effective and efficient. I commit to listen and understand the work that has been done to put the Howard Winneshiek School District in a positive position. Lastly, I value dependability. You are able to depend on me to follow through on the commitment to empower learners to reach their fullest potential.

You may wonder why the district is moving to a “Middle School Model” or even what this model means. In simple terms, this model enables the district to create a specific system that serves this unique age group of students. At Howard Winneshiek, we believe that our young adolescents in grades 6-8 deserve a middle school experience that is developmentally responsive, challenging, empowering, and equitable. As a staff, we will spend the first semester aligning our current system to these beliefs. Within the middle school model, there is a heightened sense of collaboration as we work together to support our students.

I am looking forward to an exciting school year. If you have any questions, please call Crestwood Middle School at (563) 547-2762 or email me at [twedemeier@howard-winn@k12.ia.us](mailto:twedemeier@howard-winn@k12.ia.us). Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to educate your child(ren).

In education,

Tyler Wedemeier  
Crestwood Middle School Principal

**Our vision is to discover, develop and expand passions, creativity and strengths.**

Our mission is to prepare and empower our students to think creatively, serve, contribute and succeed locally and globally.