

Grafton, Wisconsin – April 8, 2022 - Mr. Michael Yurk, principal of St. Paul Lutheran School in Grafton was selected as a 2022 Herb Kohl Principal Leadership award recipient. Mr. Yurk is one of just 17 principals in Wisconsin to earn the award. Mr. Yurk and St. Paul Lutheran School each will receive a \$6,000 award from the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation.

Principal Leadership Award recipients are school principals who are recognized for setting high standards for instruction, achievement and character, and creating a climate to best serve students, families, staff and community.

“Mike can often be heard sharing the school’s mission to be ‘Focused on Excellence... Centered on Christ.’ Senior Pastor Luke Anderson continues, “In my years working with him, it is clear that this statement describes him as well. He is driven and focused on excellence, meeting and exceeding the standards stated above and creating a climate that truly blesses all who enter our doors. Above all, he centers his life and ministry on Jesus Christ, to whom Mike gives consistent honor and glory in his service.”

A graduate of Concordia University Wisconsin, Mr. Yurk previously held the position of Assistant Principal, Dean of Students and Athletic Director at Luther High School North in Chicago, IL. He has served as Principal of St. Paul Lutheran School since 2008.

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation has been recognizing educational excellence annually since 1990, awarding fellowships to 100 Wisconsin teachers and matching grants to each fellow's school. Currently in its 32nd year of recognizing educational excellence, the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation, as of August 2021, has awarded a total of approximately \$29.6 million to Wisconsin educators, students, and schools.

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