



Waterford School District

Kettering High School
2800 Kettering Drive
Waterford, Michigan 48329
www.wsdmi.org

Benjamin Harwood
Principal
Phone: (248) 673-1261
Email: HarwoB01@wsdmi.org

June 5, 2023

Dear Kettering community,

I am pleased to announce we have completed the interview process for a new Kettering High School Band Director. The finalist, Laura Zilhaver, has been offered the position and we are requesting approval of the recommendation to hire at the June 15 Board of Education meeting.

Ms. Zilhaver will begin on June 27, which will allow her the ability to oversee our summer Marching Band Camp.

Ms. Zilhaver comes to us from Forest Hills Public Schools where she has worked as Director of Bands for 7th-12th grade since 2017. Prior to her time at Forest Hills, Ms. Zilhaver worked with the Western Michigan University band program. She also has experience as a K-8 music teacher. She holds a bachelor's degree from Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music and a master's degree in Wind Conducting from Western Michigan University.

Multiple stakeholders were involved to help us pick the perfect candidate for this important role in our Kettering school community. I have full confidence in Ms. Zilhaver's abilities to help us continue our longstanding tradition of exemplary Performing Arts programming here at Kettering. Please be sure to welcome Ms. Zilhaver to the Kettering community!

Sincerely,

Benjamin Harwood, Principal
Kettering High School