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The end of an era

After 19 years of studying and teaching at Marion High School, Mr. Zrudsky is moving on.

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After thriving in the same position for so long, leaving can be incredibly difficult, exciting, and rewarding all at once, and this is exactly what's happening with the vice-principal, Chad Zrudsky. Zrudsky has been with Marion High School for 15 years either as a student, teacher, or vice-principal and has been in his current position alongside Mr. Semler for ___ years. Next school year, Zrudsky is planning on making the transition into his new title as Principal of Starry Elementary School. Much planning and consideration were put into the final decision, but overall Zrudsky is ready for the new experiences and challenges that come along with it.

Changing positions can be a long and tedious decision making process with a lot of factors contributing to the outcome. This was no different for Zrudsky, "I've debated this move for quite a while, but I'm ready for the challenge of going out on my own in a new building," said Zrudsky. There's no doubt that this big of a change in the workplace would be a fun and exciting step

in life. However, even with all of the excitement for what lies ahead, there's also a melancholy tone when thinking of all the good things that he will miss from the High School; "Everything, I don't think I could pick just one," said Zrudsky, "The students, the families, the games, and performances are things that I'll miss a lot, and that weighed heavily on my decision. Knowing the community and people involved in it is a huge part of the job as principal, and Zrudsky is excited to get to know this new set of families and students at Starry.

What lies ahead next year for Zrudsky is a whole new atmosphere to navigate. Instead of working with his usual high school teenagers, Zrudsky will be aiding in the education of elementary aged children. Which is a jump to say the least: "It's a different focus, they're learning how to learn and those foundational skills both academically and socially. It's more of a shift to the beginning of their schooling at Marion versus the end," said Zrudsky. Being the vice principal at Marion High School has always been about helping students succeed, and with his new position he can begin to



Mr. Zrudsky and Mr. Dabroski coach Zeke Hatangimana in long jump at the district championships.

aid future high school students to success.

Whether it's at the high school or elementary, Zrudsky is an important component of the Marion district and community. No matter where, he will continue to help students reach their true potential through his leadership. One thing that will remain the same is the Marion community's continued support during his new journey.

What's going on around the school?



Adeline Finley, '21, accepts an award at Senior Honors Night.



Gracie Schwartz, '23, celebrates after yet another undefeated JV game.



The three choirs perform at the last concert of the 2020-2021 school year.

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