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### **Carmel High School Principal Announces Retirement John Williams Bids Farewell After 14 Years on the Job**

Carmel, IN – Carmel High School Principal John Williams will retire at the end of the school year. 61-year old Williams has been teaching for 40 years and has called the high school home for the past 14.

“Carmel High School is a wonderful place to work and being the principal has truly been an honor,” Williams says. “But the time has come for me to spend more time with my wife, our five kids and seven grandkids. And perhaps vacation somewhere warmer in the winter.”

An Evansville native, Williams came to Carmel High School in 2003. Prior to that, he taught social studies and coached wrestling and football at Harrison High School in Evansville. He also served as an assistant principal and principal at Harrison.

“I have been honored to work with so many talented and committed professionals,” Williams admits. “But it’s the kids I’ll miss the most. Serving as their principal has been the most amazing part of my wonderful career.”

During his tenure, Williams has been instrumental in quadrupling the number of students taking AP courses and more than doubling the number of dual credit courses offered. He also introduced the International Baccalaureate Program to the high school in 2006.

“John Williams has undoubtedly touched the lives of thousands of students,” Dr. Nicholas D. Wahl, Superintendent of Schools says. “His warm handshake and hearty laugh will be missed in our hallways. We wish him all the best as he tackles the next chapter of his life.”

Williams will finish out the year at Carmel High School. Dr. Wahl’s search for a new principal starts immediately. He will host a series of community forums in the coming weeks where he will ask staff, parents and students to help him develop a leadership profile for the next high school principal. He intends to name Williams’ replacement before school starts next year.