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**Paul Ketcham named superintendent of Batesville Community School Corporation**  
*Ketcham's contract begins Jan. 1, 2017*

**Batesville, Ind.**—Oct. 18, 2016 – The Batesville Community School Corporation (BCSC) Board of School Trustees approved Paul Ketcham as the corporation's new superintendent during its monthly board meeting on Monday. Ketcham, currently superintendent at Milan Community Schools, will start his contract with BCSC on Jan. 1, 2017. Ketcham's contract was approved unanimously by the board.

"We are excited to welcome Paul to our school corporation and look forward to working with him to continue the academic excellence that makes Batesville Community Schools among the best in the state of Indiana," said school board member Jeremy Raver, who led the superintendent search for BCSC.

Ketcham became the leading candidate for BCSC superintendent in October after an extensive search. He replaces Jim Roberts who announced last May that he accepted the same position leading Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation.

Ketcham, who has 17 years of education experience, has served as Milan's school superintendent for three years. During that time, the 1,150-student district experienced the largest increase in ISTEP+ scores in the state in both math and English/language arts in 2014, with a 14.3 percent increase. The district also boasts a 94 percent graduation rate and was awarded its first "Four-Star School" designation by the Indiana Department of Education for Milan Elementary School. Ketcham also provided oversight in the district's 1:1 technology program.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to work with an exceptional team of professionals committed to enriching the lives of all students in BCSC," said Ketcham, a Batesville resident for six years. "I look forward to meeting with staff, parents and community leaders to have ongoing dialogue about how we can strengthen educational opportunities for our children."

**About Paul Ketcham**

Married for 22 years to wife, Krista, a nurse at Margaret Mary Health. The Ketcham's have three children: Maddy, 17, Mitch, 15 and Mary Kate, 12.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Kentucky University and a Master of Education from Olivet Nazarene University. He continued his studies at Indiana Wesleyan University.

**Hobbies:** Traveling with family, attending student events and building relationships with stakeholders in the school corporation.

**What's most impressive about BCSC:** I am impressed with the relationships between BCSC and community partners. This school corporation is a statewide leader in maximizing partnerships among community organizations and businesses to increase learning opportunities for students. The continued support from Batesville Community Education Foundation, Batesville Rotary Club and many other partners shows students and staff that this is a town committed to investing in academic excellence. It's one of the many things that makes Batesville special.

*The mission of Batesville Community School Corporation is to educate all students in an environment of academic excellence, preparing them for productive and responsible citizenship in a global community.*

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