

No Hall Pass Required

February 28, 2014 – Niles, Michigan: No hall pass is required by Betty Perkins as she returns to Niles Community Schools with a new title: Trustee with the Niles Education Foundation.

Even retirement couldn't keep Perkins away from Niles Community Schools. Betty has an extensive background in education. She began her teaching career at Osterlein Home for Emotionally Disturbed Children in Springfield, Ohio. She went on to teach in Ashland, Ohio, at the Dale-Roy School for the Mentally Retarded and at Osbourne Elementary School.

Betty crossed the state line and began teaching in Michigan at Cassopolis Public Schools for 7 years. She went on to Southwestern Michigan College as a Sociology Instructor and then to the Southwest Michigan Consortium as a Consultant with the Gifted & Talented for Berrien Springs, Brandywine, Buchanan, and Niles Schools. Betty got a taste of being a principal when she was at the South Bend Hebrew Day School in Mishawaka, IN, in the late 80's.

"We are excited to have Betty join the Niles Education Foundation," stated Jane Brandstatter, Chair of the Niles Education Foundation. Before retiring in 2005 Betty was with the Niles School System for over 15 years as a teacher, Assistant Principal at Ring Lardner Middle School, Assistant Principal at Niles High School then to the Principal position from 2000 – 2005. "Betty brings a deep and wide range of experience that will be invaluable to the Niles Education Foundation board" said Jane Brandstatter.

Betty Perkins holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. A Master of Arts in Educational Leadership / Administration from Western Michigan University.

Since its establishment in 2009, the Niles Education Foundation has invested more than \$60,000 for the enhancement of public education at Niles Community Schools.

The role of the Niles Education Foundation is to garner private support and public engagement for Niles Community Schools. As a tax-exempt, non profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the foundation seeks funds that will be utilized to create opportunities for learning above and beyond what the district funds. Gifts are tax deductible for income and estate tax purposes. For more information on specific giving please call the Foundation office at 269-683-0732.

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