

New CEO: 'I am Butler Tech'

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FARIFIELD TWP. — Brett Smith, superintendent at Pickaway-Ross Career and Technology Center will be the new leader of Butler Technology and Career Development Schools.

"I'd like to thank the board for their vote of confidence, and I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to lead the largest most progressive career technical school in the state of Ohio," Smith said Tuesday, May 18, after the board unanimously approved a three-year contract.

The other finalist, Dan Schroer, vice president of secondary work force education, announced last week he was pulling out of the race to take a superintendent position with Greene County Career Center in Xenia. Both Schroer and Smith were finalists for both jobs.

"It couldn't have worked out better," Smith said. "I am tickled to death to be where I am and I know he's tickled to death to be where he is. It's a win win."


Smith, 56, will earn \$125,000 a year. He told the Butler Tech board he would maintain high student achievement and a focus on research and development.

"I look forward to working with the Board of Education — the architects of this district's vision and mission," he said. "As the students say on the website, and I will say with much enthusiasm: I am Butler Tech."

Smith has been superintendent of Pickaway-Ross Career and Technology Center for 11 years.

Butler Tech, founded in 1975, is Ohio's largest career-technical school district, and has been the top performing career technical school district in the state for three consecutive years, according to officials. It serves students from Edgewood, Fairfield, Lakota, Madison, Middletown, Monroe, New Miami, Northwest, Ross and Talawanda school districts, as well as adult students from across the country. More than 27,000 students were enrolled in a Butler Tech programs last year.

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