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**Fairfield County Board of DD Selects Next Superintendent, Current Superintendent to Retire**

**Lancaster, Ohio** - Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities has named current Assistant Superintendent, Dr. David Uhl, as the Agency's top executive beginning January 1, 2023. This comes after Fairfield County Board of DD Superintendent, John Pekar, announced his retirement effective December 31, 2022.

Dr. Uhl has worked in the developmental disability field with the Fairfield County Board of DD for 10 years, first as the Director of Business Development and Government Relations and Interim Educational Services Director at Forest Rose School, then as Director of Services and Supports, and most recently as Assistant Superintendent. His experiences give him a wide understanding of the complexities and challenges the agency and the field of developmental disabilities are experiencing. David is also involved in the community, serving as the president of Lancaster City Council and District Governor-Elect for Rotary District 6690. He looks forward to working to strengthen Fairfield DD by continuing to increase connections and collaboration throughout the county, supporting people on their path toward greater independence, and creating a more vibrant community.

Dr. Uhl states "I am honored and humbled to be selected as the next Superintendent of Fairfield DD. John Pekar has left an indelible mark on our agency, the people we support, our community, and the DD field. I look forward to continuing his legacy and ensuring that Fairfield DD remains a statewide leader as we support people in Fairfield County. Our organization is comprised of a passionate and committed group of employees who work every day to advance our mission. I am excited for the opportunity to lead our team and our mission forward into the future."

Fairfield DD Board President, Sharon Scruggs, reflected on the upcoming transition saying "On behalf of the Board, we are pleased that David has accepted the position of Superintendent for the Fairfield County Board of DD. We are confident that David will serve this county with passion and commitment as he continues the outstanding leadership that has been provided by John Pekar."

Pekar announced his retirement earlier this year after serving 23 years with the Fairfield County Board. He served for more than 50 years in a variety of roles in the field, becoming Superintendent of Fairfield DD in 1999. During his

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career in Fairfield County, Pekar has proven to be a visionary, beginning or adopting many initiatives before most county boards across the state.

Pekar is confident that the future of Fairfield DD will be in capable hands, and he is committed to ensuring a smooth transition of leadership.

The Fairfield County Board of DD is a county agency that is committed to bringing about a vibrant community where people lead fulfilling lives and make meaningful contributions. Learn more at [www.FairfieldDD.com](http://www.FairfieldDD.com)

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