

Superintendent Joe Long

Superintendent Long is looking forward to serving the children of the Archbold Area Schools. His intent is to work with the board of education, faculty, staff, parents, and community to continue the high standards that exist in the school district during this time of transition.

Early Years:

Long grew up near Grand Rapids, Ohio. He was the son of a farmer and homemaker. He has good memories of visits to Yoder & Frey equipment auctions and Meyers Equipment in Ridgeville Corners. While in high school he worked in the home construction trade.

Education:

Long holds degrees from The Defiance College, Bowling Green State University, and the University of Toledo. He also served in the United States Army Reserves for six years.

Long in Education:

In 1971, Long became a teacher at Gorham Fayette. He taught social studies, industrial arts, and drivers education. He later became principal and in 1985 superintendent. Long returned to Wood County in 1995 and became superintendent of Otsego Local Schools. He served the district longer than any superintendent in the schools history.

Long outside of Education:

Long lived in Archbold at the beginning of his teaching career and then moved to Franklin Township where he remodeled a church into a home. He was a member of St. John's Church of Christ for over twenty-five years. For recreation, he enjoys riding his motorcycles, reading, and home remodeling. Long currently serves as Chairman of the Commissioners of the Wood County Park District and President of the Wood County Committee on Aging.

Family:

Long and his wife, Lynne, live on the Long Centennial Farm near Grand Rapids. They have two adult children, Kevin and Robin, and two grandchildren. Lynne taught many Archbold students piano over more than a quarter century. She maintains an active piano studio today.