

JULIA RUSCH (PHS 1904)

The Portage native, for whom Rusch Elementary School is named, first taught students in Cando, ND, New Lisbon, Marshfield, Richland Center and Columbus. In 1920, Ms. Rusch returned to Portage and taught German and Math at Portage High School. She stayed with the Portage school system for the next 32 years and eventually became the principal of Portage High School. Ms. Rusch died in June 1985 at the age of 99.