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Mequon-Thiensville School District Superintendent Appointed Superintendent of Clarke County School District

MEQUON, Wis. — Superintendent of Schools Dr. Demond Means has been appointed the next superintendent of the Clarke County School District in Athens, Georgia.

Dr. Means has served as superintendent of schools in MTSD for nine years, during which time he has demonstrated visionary leadership. In collaboration with the Board of Education, Dr. Means led the development of a strategic plan that prioritizes the district's goals and objectives and guides its decision-making. Dr. Means' vision to leverage data to identify individual student strengths and areas of growth has been key in helping district staff support students with the tools and resources they need in order to find their personal path to success.

Dr. Means' leadership further extends to the expansion of instructional support for students and educators through the addition of math and literacy specialists at each school, the prioritization of social-emotional supports, the introduction of new instruction methods such as the extension of class periods and the adoption of curricular initiatives that hold each student to high standards through programs such as advancement via individual determination, also known as AVID. Under Dr. Means' leadership, all schools realized enhanced and updated learning environments, funded through the prudent use of available district resources or the engagement and support of the community through successful referendum, all while maintaining the district's Aaa bond rating, the highest rating possible.

"I will always hold fondly my nine years as superintendent of schools in the Mequon-Thiensville School District," said Dr. Means. "My time as superintendent was professionally and personally fulfilling, and for that I thank the Board of Education, the staff, the teachers, the parents, the students and community of the Mequon-Thiensville School District. I am confident that the work we accomplished together will continue to enrich the educational experience of future generations of children in the Mequon-Thiensville community."

Dr. Means' service to the Mequon-Thiensville community will end on June 30, 2017. His appointment as superintendent of schools for the Clarke County School District will begin in July, 2017. Clarke County Board of Education President Charles Worthy said that Dr. Means has a track record as an innovative and creative leader. "I cannot imagine a more ideal incoming superintendent for the Clarke County School District and the Athens community."

"We are grateful to Dr. Means for nine years of dedicated service to our district, the students and the Mequon-Thiensville community," said MTSD Board of Education President Stephanie Clark. "Excellence permeates every facet of this school district. That sustained excellence requires a strong team of educators and administrators, but it also requires visionary leadership. Dr. Means has fulfilled that role as visionary leader, and because of it, the school district stands poised for continued success."

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Clark said that the board has been aware that this was the likely outcome of Dr. Means' discussions with the Clarke County School District. "The board has been active and deliberate in its investigation of options for how to approach this next phase in leadership transition," she added.

Clark said that finding the right person to lead the district is key. Board members have consulted with outside educational leadership experts and have considered the different courses of action they may pursue.

"Finding a leader who is aligned with our mission, who will support and help advance our strategic plan, and who understands our community are key considerations, and the board is aligned in its focus on finding that person," said Clark. "While we are saddened by Dr. Means' transition, we are confident that the school district's standards of excellence will persist well into the future, thanks to a strong leadership team, great teachers, an incredible staff and an engaged and supportive community."

Information regarding an opportunity to honor Dr. Means and thank him for his dedicated leadership in MTSD will be shared as details are finalized.

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