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MTSD Education Board Is Excited to Announce that Assistant Superintendent Matthew Joynt Will Serve as Next Superintendent

Board Follows Trend to Cultivate Internal Talent and Selects Known Leader Aligned with District's Core Values and Strategic Plan

MEQUON, Wis. — The Mequon Thiensville School District's Board of Education today announced that it has selected Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Matthew Joynt to serve as the next Superintendent of Schools for the Mequon-Thiensville School District.

"We are most fortunate to have found within our own leadership team the ideal person for this important leadership role—an individual deeply committed to our core values and someone who has been actively involved in the implementation of our strategic plan over the last several years," the Board of Education said in a statement announcing the selection. "Since joining the district leadership team and the superintendent's cabinet, Matt has demonstrated his strength as an authentic leader in both an instructional capacity and in district administration. Matt clearly demonstrates a steadfast commitment to excellence in every facet of the educational experience, and we are confident that he will do a great job."

The board noted that it had been aware there could be a vacancy because of the likelihood that current Superintendent of Schools Dr. Demond Means would leave his position and become head of the Clarke County School District in Athens, Georgia, which was finalized last week.

"The Board of Education has been aware of this likely vacancy for some time, and we have been proactive and deliberate in our consideration of the options available to us to fill this important leadership position. Our focus was to identify an individual who would be aligned with and committed to our district's core values and strategic plan, and to identify a person who also brought executive-level experience to the position. Matt Joynt fits that description perfectly," the Board said in its statement.

"As we reviewed the possible options, it became clear that the earlier investments the district has made in growing our own talent and leadership provided us with the best option. We are pleased in the outcome and Matt's selection," the board added.

"Matt sees the big picture, has the ability to prioritize what needs to be done and then builds the right team and the internal capacity to deliver. He has vision and knows how to translate that vision into action through others. He is a tireless champion for all students; he believes in his heart that we owe it to our children and families to be accountable for our actions and to always strive for the highest expectations for our teachers, principals and district leaders," the Board added.

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“Matt believes that parents, students and educators are partners in a child’s education, and he strives to build positive relationships among all stakeholders,” the board said. “This focus underscores his obvious care and concern for students, his respect and appreciation for staff members and teachers, and his collaboration with parents and the community at large.”

The board said that it was impressed with Joynt’s deep content knowledge across a broad spectrum of educational issues, systems and programs and that he combines his knowledge of curricular standards, assessments, instructional best practices and professional learning into a coherent, aligned system of support for continuous improvement.

At Matt’s suggestion and with the full support of the board, the district will soon schedule a reception so that those who don’t already know Matt will have the opportunity to meet him before the start of the next school year. Additionally, he will take advantage of opportunities to meet over the summer months with parents, teachers and community members to meet and engage with them regarding the future of education in MTSD.

“We are excited to introduce Matt Joynt as the new Superintendent of the Mequon-Thiensville School District, and we congratulate him on his new position. We encourage all those in the community who care about our public schools to take advantage of the upcoming opportunities to meet and talk with him about the future of the district and the school year ahead,” the Board said.

Matthew Joynt Biographical Information

Matt Joynt began his career in education in MTSD in 1999 as a teacher at Wilson Elementary School. He then served as an assistant principal at Homestead High School before becoming a principal at Shorewood High School. He returned to MTSD in 2013 as assistant superintendent of educational services.

Matt holds certificates and licenses to serve as a superintendent, principal, director of instruction and elementary teacher. Matt earned a bachelor’s of science degree in elementary education from UW-Madison and a master’s of science degree in educational administration from UW-Milwaukee. Matt is on track to earn his Ph.D. in the philosophy of educational administration in December of 2018 from UW-Milwaukee. He is a member of the UW-Milwaukee Administrative Leadership Advisory Council, the Cardinal Stritch University School of Education Advisory Board and the Milwaukee School of Engineering School Administration MBA Program Advisory Board.

Matt and his wife Heidi live in the community and have two children attending district schools. Their youngest son will join his two older siblings next school year when he begins in the 4-year-old kindergarten program.

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