



Warrensburg R-VI School District

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The Warrensburg R-VI School District's Board of Education is pleased to introduce Dr. Steve Ritter as the next superintendent of schools. The announcement comes after a rigorous national search to fill the role held by Dr. Andy Kohl for the past three years. Dr. Kohl will be retiring at the end of the 2022-23 school year in June. Dr. Ritter will begin his service as superintendent on July 1, 2023.

Board President Dr. Scott Chenault said the Board was impressed by the experience and leadership approach of the incoming superintendent, "Dr. Ritter will be an energetic and forward-thinking leader for the district. He brings experience in districts of various sizes and will be able to continue the positive momentum in the district. I speak for the entire board when I say we are very excited about working with Dr. Ritter."

Dr. Ritter is currently serving as the superintendent of the Sherwood-Cass R-VIII School District. Under his leadership, Sherwood-Cass passed an \$.87 tax levy increase and a \$400,000 bond issue, improving the district's financial stability. However, Dr. Ritter says his primary focus has always been student-centered. He has worked as a classroom teacher, a coach and an administrator to provide opportunities for all students to find success.

Dr. Ritter, who began his career in the Warrensburg School District, stated "I am thrilled to become the next superintendent of the Warrensburg R-VI School District. It has been a long-time goal to return to where I completed my student teaching and fell in love with education. My experience in Warrensburg 20 years ago convinced me to stay on this side of the state, and over the years I've sought the right fit and the right time to return to the district. I am very excited to have this opportunity to serve the community and to work with the many great educators I've come to know over the years."

Board President Chenault praised retiring Superintendent Andy Kohl for providing steady leadership through incredibly challenging times, stating, "During what has been one of the most difficult periods in education, Dr. Kohl worked closely with the board to help us navigate the COVID-19 crisis thoughtfully with a constant eye on how best to serve students. We are thankful for his leadership and his many years of service to the Warrensburg School District."

Dr. Kohl shared that he and the rest of the Warrensburg leadership team welcome Dr. Ritter and look forward to helping him with a smooth transition into his new role as leader of the district.

Dr. Ritter and his wife, Katie, have two children: Madelynn and Ethan.

For more information, contact the Warrensburg R-VI School District at 660-747-7823.

