

New Deputy Superintendent Named for Johnsburg Community School District 12

The Board of Education is pleased to announce that Dr. Jason Nault was unanimously approved as the new Deputy Superintendent of Johnsburg Schools at the January 23, 2024, Board of Education meeting. After 19 years serving the Johnsburg Community School District 12 as its Superintendent, Dr. Dan Johnson has announced he will be retiring on June 30, 2025.

Dr. Johnson will remain Superintendent for the 2024-2025 school year and will work closely with Dr. Nault as Deputy Superintendent. This year of collaboration will help to ensure a smooth transition when Dr. Nault transitions into the Superintendent position for the 2025-2026 school year.

"After 20 years of service to District 12, Dr. Johnson will be retiring. He leaves our district in excellent shape financially, and a legacy of fostering a top notch staff and a culture of learning that is second to none," said Tom Oeffling, Board President. "We look forward to welcoming Dr. Nault, who will bring his results-driven mindset to help District 12 address the future and present needs of our students in our ever-changing world."

Choosing a Superintendent is one of the most important decisions the Board of Education must make; therefore, the Board employed Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) to assist in the search process. A district wide survey was conducted in August 2023 to provide an opportunity for board members, staff members, parents/guardians, along with Johnsburg and Ringwood community members to provide feedback on qualifications of the candidates.

IASB conducted a nationwide search, which included IASB managing the initial round of interviews in locating the right candidate for the position. The Board of Education held second round interviews at the end of November 2023, which resulted in the candidates being narrowed to two finalists. Third round of interviews were held by focus groups with staff members who were representative of diverse staff positions (department heads, certified staff, and non-certified staff), district administrators, and community members who have routine interactions with the district to provide their feedback and input to the Board on the two finalists. The fourth and final round of interviews were held at a December Special Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Nault is a highly skilled candidate with the necessary experience and background to contribute to the district's future goals and enhance academic success. The Board is confident that Naults dedication, ability, and passion for education are in perfect alignment with the district's mission.

Nault is a dedicated educator with a Bachelor's in Secondary Education, a Master's in Educational Leadership and Administration, and a Doctorate in Education Leadership. He holds

an Administrative Certificate (Type 75) with endorsements in Secondary Education, General Administration, and Superintendent from the Illinois State Board of Education. With over 23 years in the field of public education, the past 16 years have been marked by successful leadership in various positions, emphasizing long-term systemic success. Nault is recognized for his innovative leadership, characterized by integrity and character.

Nault is an experienced educator with a strong track record in educational leadership roles. Currently serving as the Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning at Waukegan CUSD #60 for the past five years, overseeing organizational leadership, student achievements, strategic planning, partnerships, community engagement, accountability, and district finance. Prior roles include seven years as a High School Principal in Broward County Schools and Chicago Public Schools, five years as an Assistant/Resident Principal in Chicago Public Schools, two years as the Dean of Students in Proviso Township District 209, and four years as a High School social studies teacher.

"I am honored and humbled by the trust the Board has placed in me to lead and serve as Deputy Superintendent alongside Dr. Johnson and his team. I am eager to support the amazing work of Johnsburg School District 12 and build meaningful connections with students, families, staff, and community partners to shape the future of our schools moving forward," Dr. Jason Nault shared.

Let us extend a warm welcome to Dr. Jason Nault as he embarks on his role as the Deputy Superintendent of Johnsburg Community School District 12 starting July 1, 2024.

