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## Ferguson selected to lead Girard Schools

Todd Ferguson will assume the role of Superintendent in USD 248 in Girard for the 2023-2024 school year.

USD 248 Board President Roger Breneman commented, "The Board of Education is confident the long-standing traditions of excellence in Girard will be continued under Mr. Ferguson's leadership. His dedication to our district and community for the last 13 years will provide continuity and accelerate opportunities for our students and staff."

"I'm honored and excited to have this incredible opportunity. USD 248 is a special place to my family and myself. For many generations before us, USD 248 has an exceptional tradition of outstanding schools. It is my goal to continue that excellence."

Ferguson has served USD 248 for the past 13 years and has been the Girard High School Principal for the past 10 years. Prior to becoming Principal, he served as an Assistant Principal from 2006-2012 in Girard and Fort Scott. He began his career as an educator teaching Science in Norton and Jefferson West from 1998 - 2006.

In addition to his duties as GHS Principal, Ferguson has provided leadership on numerous community organizations including Girard Medical Center Hospital Board member, Kansas State High School Activities Association Board of Directors, and Girard Area Community Foundation Board Member.

Breneman commented, "The support expressed for Todd from colleagues, parents, and community leaders made his selection an easy decision for our Board of Education. We have high expectations for our district as we continue to be student-centered, value traditions, and strive to provide outstanding educational experiences for our students. We are pleased to see Todd advance in this leadership role."

The USD 248 Board of Education shared the Superintendent vacancy on December 9th with all district staff following the retirement announcement of current Superintendent Blaise Bauer. The Board held a Special Board meeting on December 15th with consultants from Greenbush to discuss qualities expected for the next Superintendent of USD 248 and to organize plans for the interview process for internal candidates.

Ferguson was interviewed by the Board of Education on Tuesday, December 20, during a Special Board meeting. His hiring was approved in a Special Board meeting held on December 21st.