



Melrose-Mindoro School District

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Melrose-Mindoro Area School District Announces Finalists for New Superintendent

The Melrose-Mindoro Area School District announced the names of the two finalists for their superintendent opening today. The finalists were selected from an original field of five highly qualified individuals.

The finalists are:

1. Corey Peterson, currently the elementary principal and curriculum coordinator at the Melrose-Mindoro Area School District, Melrose, Wisconsin.
2. Deanna Wiatt, currently the director of instruction for the School District of West Salem, West Salem, Wisconsin.

Mr. Peterson began his teaching experience in 2001 as a high school social studies teacher in Neillsville, Wisconsin. From 2003 to 2011, he was the high school social studies teacher at West Salem High School, West Salem, Wisconsin. He began his administrative career in 2011, when he became the high school principal, activities director and curriculum coordinator in the Greenwood School District, Greenwood, Wisconsin. In 2012, he began his current position as elementary school principal and curriculum coordinator in the Melrose-Mindoro School District in Melrose, Wisconsin. Mr. Peterson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Broad Field Social Studies from University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and a Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership from Viterbo University, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Ms. Wiatt began her teaching career in 1994 as a teacher of English Language Learners for the school District of La Crosse, La Crosse Wisconsin. From 1998-2013, she was an elementary classroom teacher at two La Crosse elementary schools and from 2013-2016, she was an instructional coach in the Northwoods and Northside elementary schools, also in La Crosse. Ms. Wiatt's first administrative position was as the associate middle school principal and summer school coordinator at Onalaska Middle School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, from 2016-2018. In 2018, she became the Director of Instruction for the school District of West Salem, West Salem, Wisconsin where she is currently employed. Ms. Wiatt holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in

Elementary Education and a Master of Educational - Professional Development from the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse.

The Melrose-Mindoro School Board plans to conduct interviews on Monday, April 17. The interviews will include an interview by the board of education and an interview by the district leadership team. In addition, community members, parents, students, and staff members are invited to attend an Open Forum that evening to meet the candidates and to ask questions. The two-candidate **Open Forum** interview times will be 5:00 and 6:10 pm in the school auditorium. Anyone interested in more information can contact administrative assistant Michelle Murray at 608-488-2201 Ext. 1168.

The new superintendent will replace Jeff Arzt, who will be retiring June 30, 2023.