

## Melrose-Mindoro School District

Jeff Arzt, Superintendent Rick Dobbs, Junior/Senior High School Principal Corey Peterson, EC-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal N181 State Rd. 108 • Melrose, WI 54642

Phone – (608)488-2201 or (608)857-3410 Fax – (608)488-2805

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 21, 2023

District Spokesperson: Board President **Richard Paisley**, paisley.richard@mel-min.k12.wi.us (608-857-3389)

## Melrose-Mindoro Area School District Announces New Superintendent

The Melrose-Mindoro Area School District announced today that **Deanna Wiatt** was selected as their new superintendent of schools effective July 1, 2023 pending finalization of contract details. The board began their search in February, 2023. The search included a rigorous application process, as well as an open forum interview that included staff members, parents, students, and community members, and interviews with the administrative team and the Board of Education.

Ms. Wiatt began her teaching career in 1994 in the School District of La Crosse. She held positions as an elementary teacher, a teacher of English Language Learners and as an instructional coach. She worked for the School District of Onalaska as the middle school associate principal and summer school coordinator from 2016-2018. Since 2018 Ms. Wiatt has served as the Director of Instruction for the School District of West Salem. She earned her Bachelors of Science Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's of Educational - Professional Development from the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse. In addition, she earned her reading, principal and director of instruction certifications from Viterbo University, La Crosse and her superintendent certification from Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin.

Ms. Wiatt will replace retiring superintendent Jeff Arzt.