



## Allen to Lead Mooresville Schools

Dr. Jake Allen has been named the next superintendent of Mooresville Schools by the district's Board of Trustees. Allen, who currently serves as Associate Superintendent, has been with Mooresville Schools for more than 20 years.

"Jake is going to be a great superintendent," said retiring Superintendent Randy Taylor. "He has served this district and this community well and brings an incredible skill set to the role. Mooresville Schools will be in great hands."

Dr. Allen grew up in Harrisburg, Illinois and attended Harrisburg Community Schools and Southeastern Illinois College before graduating in 2000 from Southern Illinois University with a B.A. in English Literature. He enrolled in the first Transition to Teaching Program at Indiana University Bloomington in 2003. In 2004, Dr. Allen began teaching at Mooresville High School and in 2005 he completed his Master's Degree in Education. He graduated from Indiana University's Urban Principal Program in 2009 and began his first role in administration at Paul Hadley Middle School. He served as PHMS Principal for seven years before moving to the role of Assistant Superintendent for Business, as well as earning his Doctoral Degree from Indiana University Bloomington in 2017. He was promoted to Associate Superintendent in 2020.

"I am thankful to have spent my entire career in education at Mooresville Schools," said Dr. Allen. "From the first time I stepped into Mooresville High School as a student teacher through today, I have always felt Mooresville was a special place and the right place for me. The students, the community, the families and the culture have played a critical role in my development as an educator – and I will continue to give back and grow in this new role."

Dr. Allen has received several honors for his work, including being named a Dean F. Berkley Emerging Leader by the Indiana University School of Education, and a Transformational Leader in Education by the Indiana University School Administrators Association. He was also named the Middle School Principal of the Year for District 9 by the Indiana Association of School Principals. Dr. Allen has served on the Indiana University School of Education Alumni Board of Directors since 2015. He also serves on the Mooresville Redevelopment Commission, the Morgan County Redevelopment Commission, and several local boards. He is a graduate of the Morgan County Leadership Academy and a past board member of the Churches in Mission Board of Directors.

"I would like to thank our Board of Trustees, Mr. Taylor, and all Pioneers for their support," said Dr. Allen. "This community means so much to me – and the success of our students is our top priority."

