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Dr. Steve Matthews hired as the Rockford Public Schools Superintendent of Schools

The Rockford Public Schools Board of Education has finalized a superintendent contract with Dr. Steve Matthews. Dr. Matthews brings significant leadership experience to Rockford Public Schools, having previously held leadership responsibilities in multiple school districts. Rockford Public Schools Board of Education, Nick Reichenbach states: “The board is pleased to have agreed on a contract with Dr. Matthews. As expected, the process was efficient and projects a continued positive relationship with our superintendent's office. We are excited to complete this important step that will pave the way forward for Rockford Public Schools.”

Dr. Matthews holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Washington, a Master of Education degree from Texas Tech University and a Doctorate of Education from Wayne State University. He most recently served as the Superintendent for Novi Community School District in Novi, Michigan since 2011. Prior to 2011, Dr. Matthews served as the Grand Ledge Public Schools superintendent from 2008-2011. From 1998 to 2008, he was the Director of Curriculum and Assessment for Troy School District in Troy, Michigan. He has also spent time as an assistant professor at both University of Michigan, Dearborn and Wayne State University.

Dr. Matthews is looking forward to the future, “I am excited to join the Rockford Public Schools' community. The Rockford Public Schools provide exceptional opportunities for students and families. Working together with the Board of Education, the staff, and the community, I look forward to continuing the strong Rockford tradition and creating new experiences and opportunities for our students.”.

Dr. Matthews official start date is July 1, 2022. He will be working with the RPS Administrators leading up to July 1 to ensure a smooth transition for the upcoming school year. In the meantime, please welcome Dr. Matthews to Rockford Public Schools district and community.

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