

Northern Suburban
Special Education District

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Dear Families,

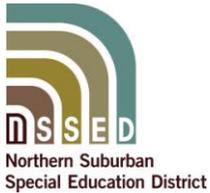
It is with great enthusiasm that I write and introduce myself to you as the new Superintendent of the Northern Suburban Special Education District. As a trained educator in both general and special education, I have over 20 years in the field as a teacher, university instructor, and central office administrator working to improve the lives of students of all abilities, passions, and talents. Having immigrated to Illinois from Wisconsin four-years ago, and being new to the role of Superintendent as well as N SSE D this year, I am greatly impressed with the deep care, passion, and commitment by the parents, staff, and community to truly do their best work to meet the needs of your students. Although my journey only began just a few weeks ago, I can already observe the warm and collaborative spirit that makes this region so special.

In the coming weeks and months, I look forward to meeting many more of you. The success of our services is built on partnerships with families and the community at-large. Without these relationships, the high quality of our work would not be possible. While we have much to learn, and there are always new ways to innovate and improve, please understand we recognize the privilege we have been given in educating your students and the mission to all of what is possible in every student.

Again, I look forward to meeting you. Have a great 2016-2017 school year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kurt A. Schneider, Ph.D." in a cursive style.

Kurt A. Schneider, Ph.D.
Superintendent



TO: NSSED Staff
NSSED Parents
Member District Superintendents
Member District Special Education Directors

FROM: Eddie Chez, President
NSSED Leadership Council

DATE: January 20, 2016

RE: Appointment of New Superintendent

On behalf of the NSSED Leadership Council, I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Kurt Schneider as the next Superintendent of the Northern Suburban Special Education District. The Council made the appointment at its regular meeting this evening after concluding a national search.

Dr. Schneider is currently Assistant Superintendent for Learning (Pupil Personnel Services) in Hinsdale District 181 where he has led regular education curriculum development, special education and pupil personnel services since 2012. He brings extensive leadership experience in both regular and special education also having served as Co-Administrator of Teaching and Learning and Director of Student Services, in Stoughton, Wisconsin. He began his career as a special education teacher at Madison East High School in Madison, WI. He has also been an Associate Lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Rehabilitation Psychology and Special Education and Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis departments, and co-founded their National Leadership for Social Justice Institute.

He holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Wisconsin- Madison and Master's and Bachelor's degrees in special education from the University of Wisconsin. He has also studied and received advanced certificates from Harvard University.

The Leadership Council was impressed with Dr. Schneider's passion for excellence, his extensive leadership experience, his deep knowledge of both regular and special education and his vision for addressing the changing needs of NSSED's students and member districts.

Upon his appointment Dr. Schneider said, "I am extremely humbled and honored to join an organization that represents a region of some of the best school districts in Illinois and the country, who across students, staff, parents, and community members, have at their core a desire to work together to provide students the best instructional practices and services the field has to offer. This is a tremendous responsibility and opportunity to continue such a rich history of forward leading work that I do not take for granted, and I couldn't be more thrilled and excited to be a member of such a collaborative team of individuals."

Dr. Schneider will begin his duties on July 1, 2016. In the meantime, he will be meeting regularly with Dr. Tim Thomas and others to ensure a smooth transition.

The Leadership Council would like to thank all of the parents, NSSED staff and member district leaders who participated in many stages of the search for a new superintendent. We believe that you will find your work with Dr. Schneider to be stimulating and rewarding.

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cc: Leadership Council