



WEST PLATTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Preserving the Past, Building the Future"

December 12, 2013

According to an online dictionary, the definition of *leadership* is the following:

"the action of leading a group of people or an organization".

When I think of Dr. Jerrod Wheeler, Superintendent of Schools in West Platte School District, he truly lives up to the definition of leadership. From the administrative team to the other teachers across the district, he has natural leadership skills.

Dr. Wheeler has transformed the West Platte Schools almost single handedly into a district aligned with 21st Century Learning Skills through sound financial practices, well-placed human resources, and visionary leadership. The culture in which he creates for his school district is second to none.

Jerrod has been the Superintendent of Schools in West Platte for about a year and a half, yet has definitely impacted our district in a very positive way. Through his vision for a great district, along with action plans to reach that vision, Jerrod has brought our district forward through a progressive 1-1 initiative, e-mints training for teachers and administrators, and creating a hands-on technological approach in all classrooms. Through this technology push, many teachers from all grade levels seek his input and advice on instruction, use of technology for student learning, and best instructional practices. Rarely does one come in to an unfamiliar school setting and have the leadership impact that Dr. Wheeler has had. Staff and administrators alike look to him for answers. He provides a tremendous amount of insight regarding many emerging challenges facing educators and ways to combat them.

Further, Dr. Wheeler's work ethic is exemplary. His day extends to before the first bell ever rings to well past the last bell of the day, always in the interest of improving our school district. He is one of the first staff members to arrive and last to leave, preparing and helping all administrators, staff members, and students be successful within the school district.

If you are looking for a conscientious worker and extremely motivated self-starter, then look no further than Dr. Jerrod Wheeler. He will not only be an amazing leader, but will be an excellent ambassador for your entire school district. If you should need any additional information, or if I can be of additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 816.674.0122 or oliverr@wpsd.net. Good luck on your search!

Yours to better education,

Dr. Randy E. Oliver, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment