



Rockford Public Schools

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Rockford Public Schools Superintendent of Schools Evaluation

At the December 12, 2022, a regular meeting of the Rockford Public Schools Board of Education, the Board Human Resources Committee issued the following summary of Dr. Steven Matthews annual superintendent evaluation. The evaluation was conducted Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

Dr. Steven Matthews' extensive leadership skills and experience are a defining strength of his work as Superintendent in Rockford Public Schools. He is recognized both inside and outside the district as an outstanding superintendent and evidence shows him to be highly effective.

Always positive, knowledgeable, and well-respected, Dr. Matthews is an effective communicator and results-oriented. His leadership is founded on the belief and understanding that culture can drive improvement in all areas. He has set high expectations for his own accomplishments as well as those of our students and staff. He openly searches for input from all stakeholders: students, staff, parents, and community members. He projects an appreciative and supporting image and is a true champion for the district. He continues to cultivate a culture of respect, evident in his relationship with the Board of Education, staff, students, parents, and his administration.

Dr. Matthews is an efficient steward of the budgetary and financial matters of the district. His team is highly effective in the development of a sound budget that meets the current and future needs of students and remains fiscally responsible to the community.

With a focus on relationships, Dr. Matthews continues nurturing collaboration with the greater Rockford community as well as other educational entities. He is an excellent example of an engaging advocate of public education with our Michigan legislators keeping education at the forefront of political consciousness.

Dr. Matthews constructively executes his role with respect to instructional leadership. The Rockford Public Schools staff under Dr. Matthews' guidance has proven continuous school improvement to our community. Evidence is found in our comparatively higher graduation rates, growth in the number of students earning college credits, and increased opportunities for student experiences in our district through co-curricular offerings.

Dr. Matthews is a champion for Rockford Public Schools. His leadership of the district has been exemplary, and the Board of Education is proud to have Dr. Matthews lead the district.

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