

RICHMOND R-XVI SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Richmond R-XVI School District Board of Education is happy to announce its selection of Greg Darling as the next Superintendent of Schools. Greg served as Superintendent at Humboldt CSD in Iowa for 12 years; he also served as a Shared Superintendent with Twin Rivers CSD for 11 of those years. Previously, Greg was an Assistant Superintendent and Middle School Principal at South Tama CSD, a Middle School Principal and AD at Underwood CSD, and a Teacher at Audubon CSD. During his tenure at Humboldt/Twin Rivers Valley, Greg led the 1:1 initiative; development of a 20 year facilities plan; supervised construction of a new middle school, Kiddie Cats Child Care and Learning Center; and an addition to Taft Elementary School. Taft Elementary School was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School and the district was recognized to be one of the top districts in the state of Iowa (20th) by US News and World Report. Greg has also served on the Iowa High School Athletic Association Board since 2012 and chair the last two years.

Mr. Darling earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Simpson College, his Master of Arts degree in Education from Northwest Missouri State University, and his superintendent certification from the University of Northern Iowa. “My family and I are excited to be a part of the Spartan family and community,” said Darling. “I look forward to carrying on the Spartan tradition of excellence.”

Mr. Darling has been married to his wife Sandi for 34 years, and share four children. Their oldest son Brian is a Pediatric Dentist in Jefferson County. Their oldest daughter Denise (Jon) Woodin, is an accountant, and expecting their first child. Their daughter Lisa passed away eleven years ago from an acute brain bleed. Their youngest daughter Rachel currently attends Creighton University where she is studying neuroscience with the hopes of becoming a physician.

The Board chose Mr. Darling after partnering with EdCounsel to conduct the superintendent search. Board President Penny Vandiver stated, “The Board was impressed with Mr. Darling’s down to earth approach to leadership. He clearly values trust and transparency, and he will make people feel good about working together as a team. He is a great fit for our District, and we are excited to welcome him to our community!”