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Hononegah Community High School District #207 Announces New Superintendent

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The Hononegah Community High School District Board #207 of Education will be recommending Mr. Michael J. Dugan as the new superintendent at the June 20, 2018 Board of Education meeting. After an extensive search, the Board chose Dugan for his instructional leadership skills, strength in raising student achievement, and experience in strategic planning. Dugan's initial contract is scheduled to begin July 1, 2018 and will be for three years.

"The Board looks forward to welcoming Michael Dugan to the Hononegah District and to the families that we serve," said Hononegah Board President David Kurlinkus. "Mr. Dugan stood out among the candidates for his student-focused, decision-making practices that encompass strategic planning. We want to thank our staff and community who played an active role during the interview process. We believe that Mr. Dugan will be a leader who will build upon Hononegah's educational excellence."

Dugan has 25 years of experience in education and comes to Hononegah from the Decatur Public Schools where he was the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools and previously served as Co-Interim Superintendent for that District.

"My wife, three sons, and I are excited and honored to become part of the Hononegah family. I want to thank the Board of Education, Superintendent Lynn Gibson, and Assistant Superintendent Kim Suedbeck for their support and warm welcome," Dugan stated.

"Education has always been a major part of my life, providing me many wonderful opportunities. Throughout my teaching and administrative career, I have strived to provide similar opportunities for the students I serve. I could not be more eager to get to work with our teachers, administration, and staff to prepare for the coming school year. I look forward to meeting with community members in the coming weeks to learn about the countless things we do well and to determine areas where we can improve," Dugan continued. "I hope to soon wear our school colors of purple and gold and assume my role as a proud Hononegah Indian."

The Illinois Association of School Boards served as the search firm for the rigorous superintendent search and provided guidance to the Board of Education through a two-round interview process. The Board remained committed to finding a superintendent who would pursue the goals and aspirations of Hononegah and its community.



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About Hononegah Community High School District

Hononegah is a public-school district in Rockton, Illinois, located between Rockford and the southern border of Wisconsin. The District serves over 2,100 students from the towns of Rockton, Roscoe, Shirland, and parts of South Beloit. The District provides an inspiring and challenging educational experience that promotes reflective critical thinking, civic engagement, and personal development.