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Lockport THSD 205 Announces Dr. Robert McBride as new Superintendent

The Lockport Township High School 205 Board of Education has named Dr. Robert McBride Jr. as superintendent of schools, starting July 1, 2019 to succeed Dr. Todd Wernet, who is retiring at the end of the school year. Dr. McBride is currently the principal of Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville.

The selection is the result of a national search conducted with the assistance of B.W.P. and Associates that produced nearly 40 qualified applicants from diverse geographic and professional backgrounds.

"We are extraordinarily pleased with the outcome of this search process. In the end, Dr. McBride proved himself the best fit to carry forward the vision of the District," said Ann Lopez-Caneva, president of the Board of Education. "His track record of driving instructional innovation and academic excellence in various positions of academic leadership, along with his passion for working with students and families, demonstrates his capability to lead our school district."

Dr. McBride was the 2017 U.S. Department of Education Terrel H. Bell recipient and since 2008 has been the principal at Neuqua Valley High School in Indian Prairie 204, which was honored as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2017 by the U.S. Department of Education. During his time as principal, Neuqua Valley ACT scores increased for seven consecutive years and Neuqua students posted the highest SAT meets and exceeds percentage in DuPage County, and Neuqua Valley ranked in the top ten high schools in Illinois for SAT average composite score.

"I am honored to be chosen for this position," said Dr. McBride. "I am looking forward to collaboratively working with students, staff, and parents to continue moving our District in a positive direction and improving educational outcomes for all of our students, and I am looking forward to making a contribution to a community that has obvious pride in its high school district and educators."

Dr. McBride holds a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, a master's degree from Harvard University, and a doctoral degree from Loyola University.

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