

Superintendent Matthew Ellis: Empowering Communities to Achieve Success Together

Superintendent Matthew Ellis believes in community empowerment for success. Learn how he inspires and works with communities for positive change.

PROSSER, WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES, April 17, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Matthew Ellis, superintendent of the Prosser School District, has implemented a unique approach to student achievement that has garnered positive results. Ellis has created a culture of collective ownership among principals, teachers, students, parents, and community members, where everyone has a stake in student success.

Ellis understands that collective ownership creates a shared responsibility for student achievement.



Matthew Ellis Superintendent

The school community can work towards common goals by emphasizing the importance of collaboration and communication. He has made it a priority to ensure everyone knows the district's goals and priorities by holding regular meetings and utilizing various communication tools.

Additionally, Ellis encourages everyone in the school community to share their ideas and feedback, creating a culture of open communication and collaboration. He also provides resources and support to help people achieve their goals, including professional development opportunities, new program funding, and data and research access.

The results of collective ownership have been significant. Under the leadership of Matthew Ellis, the rate of graduates of Prosser High School is 85-89%, which is higher than the Washington state average of 84%. This approach has also had a positive impact on the school community,

leading to a decrease in discipline problems, an increase in parent involvement, and an improvement in the overall climate of the schools.

The efforts of <u>Superintendent Matthew Ellis</u> have served as a model for other school districts nationwide, demonstrating the importance of collective ownership in achieving student success. Through his leadership, Matthew Ellis has created a culture of collaboration and communication that has resulted in positive outcomes for the Prosser School District.

About Matthew Ellis

Matthew Ellis, the Superintendent of Prosser School District, inspires the next generation of educational leaders through his committed leadership. Growing up in the Pacific Northwest, he was passionate about sports, especially wrestling. He started wrestling at a young age and quickly gained recognition for his talent and hard work. He won the state championship twice during high school.

Matthew attended Oregon State University on a wrestling scholarship. He became team captain twice and competed at the NCAA National Championships three times. He also won the PAC-10 championship in 2004 and was the runner-up in 2005 while always retaining his academic goals. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies, Matthew pursued a career in teaching and coaching, starting at Stanford University as an assistant wrestling coach.

Matthew knew he wanted to make a more significant impact on the lives of young people. In 2007, he graduated from the University of Cumberlands with a Master's in Arts of Teaching. Matthew earned a Professional Teaching Certificate from Washington State University. He began teaching Social Studies at Grandview School District in 2008, where he gained valuable experience and developed a passion for teaching. Matthew also collaborated with other teachers and administrators to improve the overall education experience for the students.

Matthew's strong leadership abilities and passion for improving his students' educational experience led to his appointment as High School Principal of the Royal School District in 2013. Under his guidance, the school saw an uptick in student achievement while decreasing disciplinary issues. In 2018, Prosser School District offered Matthew the opportunity to serve as its Superintendent, which he eagerly accepted.

As Superintendent, Matthew has focused on creating a positive and supportive environment for students to learn and grow. He has implemented data-driven planning with principals and teachers to make collective ownership of achievement, refined embedded professional development programs, and implemented intervention programs for struggling high school students and support services for new employee induction and mentoring. These initiatives have improved academic programs and increased student achievement across the district.

Matthew Ellis has prioritized inspiring the next generation of educational leaders through his

committed leadership as Superintendent of Prosser School District.

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