

AC/GC SCHOOL DISTRICT SHARED SUPERINTENDENT

New Superintendent Announced



The Adair-Casey and Guthrie Center board of directors would like to thank the interview team members for the feedback received after the completion of formal interviews with three candidates for the district superintendent position. These finalists were invited to the district after eight semi-finalists were previously screened by the board. Based on the feedback from the interview teams and candidates' qualifications, Mr. Dennis McClain has been offered the shared superintendent position. His contract will be approved at special board meeting pending a formal background check.



Mr. McClain currently serves as the Superintendent and Elementary Principal for Clay Central Everly Schools. He has served in this role for the past seven years where he brought their nutrition fund into the positive, built up their unspent balance through diligent spending decisions, and led CCE through expanding their 1:1 technology from 9-12 to K-12. His prior experience includes serving as the K-12 principal at Stanton and a lead teacher for Clarinda Academy. Dennis is visible within his community where he supports the local county fair, active in his church, and helped to develop a local nature learning

center.

Dennis helped Clay Central Everly High School become recognized as a U.S. News and World Report Bronze Award winner. He is a strong rural school advocate in the state of Iowa. Dennis brings a vast understanding of school finance and school improvement to the AC/GC School district. He has served as a mentor for new administrators through School Administrators of Iowa (SAI).

Dennis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in physical education and health from Buena Vista College in 1995. He earned his Master's degree in educational leadership and administration from Jones International University in 2007 and his Advanced Studies Certificate in superintendency from UNI in 2013. Dennis is currently working on his doctorate degree at UNI in educational leadership.

Dennis, and his wife Donna, have three children: Benjamin is a freshman at Iowa State, EmmaKay is a sophomore, and Jarrett is a 7th grader. His hobbies include music, reading, and

sports. He was thrilled to accept the position saying, “My wife and I were very impressed with our experience at AC/GC during the interview. The strong academic and extracurricular programs that are available to our children at AC/GC made our decision to accept this position very easy. We are excited for our family to join the AC/GC family.”

“The Adair-Casey Board of Education is pleased to welcome Dennis McClain and his family to our district. Mr. McClain’s financial acumen, rural knowledge and administrative experience will complement the legacy left by Mr. Smith. We look forward to getting to know Dennis and his family.” - Randy Carney, Adair-Casey School Board President

*“Mr. McClain’s thoughtful leadership and desire to foster a culture of continuous learning and development for administrators, teachers, and other staff members will provide opportunity for all to grow as professionals giving our kids even more opportunity to learn and grow skills within the walls of our district buildings. On behalf of the Guthrie Center Board of Education, we welcome Dennis and the entire McClain family to our district and our communities.”
- Wes Policky, Guthrie Center School Board President*

Mr. McClain and current district superintendent Mr. Steve Smith will begin working together collaboratively during the remainder of the school year to ensure a smooth transition for all involved. The new superintendent will begin his duties on July 1, 2019. The school board wants to thank everyone who participated in the hiring process for their valuable feedback on this important hire that was critical for success in the final selection.