



# Glenbard Township High School District 87

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## **Glenbard District 87 announces new superintendent**

The Glenbard Township High School District 87 Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Michael Meissen as District 87's new superintendent. The board unanimously approved his appointment on Dec. 12.

Dr. Meissen comes to Glenbard District 87 with 24 years of experience as a high school principal, guidance counselor and middle school principal. Currently, he is principal at La Follette High School, which is part of the Madison (Wis.) Metropolitan School District.

Meissen has completed training in the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) "Breaking Ranks II Strategies for Leading High School Reform" initiative, and he has experience leading professional growth and mentoring for secondary school administrators. He has responsibly budgeted, staffed and led curriculum initiatives.

"Dr. Meissen is highly regarded and well respected in the Madison, Wis., community," said Glenbard District 87 Board president David Brown. "His wealth of experience and expertise in leading high schools has been great preparation for his new position as Glenbard's superintendent. Dr. Meissen's leadership abilities, communication skills and willingness to innovate make him a great fit for Glenbard in the years ahead," Brown said.

Meissen is a visible leader in the community. He looks forward to establishing positive relationships with the Glenbard District 87 community to build upon the high standard of excellence in District 87.

"It is truly an honor to join the Glenbard Township High School District 87 educational community," Meissen said. "I have had an opportunity to meet with the Board of Education and representatives from the administration, faculty, staff, parents, students and community. It has been impressive to see the level of interest, concern and commitment in providing the optimal educational opportunities for the students and families in this community.

"I am excited to begin our work together to build upon the tradition of educational excellence the community has come to both expect and enjoy," he said.

Meissen will start July 1, 2006, but will visit District 87 regularly before then.

He earned a doctorate degree in educational administration and a master's degree in counseling and guidance, both from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He earned a bachelor's degree in social welfare from the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater.

Meissen was named National Association of Secondary School Principals State High School Principal of the Year in 2003-04.

Among Meissen's leadership accomplishments:

- He led a major school reform to implement a four block scheduling design that resulted in positive change in attendance, addition of advanced placement courses, additional graduation requirements and increased level of student achievement.
- His school received the "High School of the Year Award for Fine Arts," sponsored by the Wisconsin Alliance for the Arts & Kennedy Center for the Arts. This honor validated the school community's efforts to provide excellent fine arts opportunities for its students.
- The school district developed successful strategies to improve the academic success for all students and address the achievement gap between minority and non-minority students.

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