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## **Manitou Springs Board of Education Selects Sean Dorsey as New Superintendent**

**Manitou Springs, CO** - The Manitou Springs School District 14 Board of Education unanimously selected Sean Dorsey of Colorado Springs as the new Superintendent of MSSD14 at a special meeting on April 26, 2023. The Board and Mr. Dorsey have agreed to contract terms, and the Board hopes to have Mr. Dorsey start no later than July 1, 2023.

Board of Education President Natalie Johnson said the Board is thrilled to announce Mr. Dorsey as the new Superintendent of MSSD14. Johnson added, "We want to thank staff and the community for supporting this transition time and investing in the search process. As we celebrate our graduates and shift into spring and summer, we look forward to our future as a district and are ready to begin our work with Sean Dorsey at the helm."

Mr. Dorsey emerged from a field of four final candidates. Each of the four finalists participated in an April 20 "meet-and-greet" with the public, then participated in a round of four public interviews with staff and community stakeholder committees and the Manitou Springs School District leaders, followed by an executive session interview with the Board of Education.

Dorsey noted, "I am honored and excited to be selected as the next Superintendent of Schools for Manitou Springs School District 14. The selection process confirmed what I already knew about MSSD14...that it is a tight-knit community deeply passionate about meeting the needs of the whole child. I grew up in a small town similar in size to Manitou Springs and its surrounding communities. I understand firsthand and appreciate the value of education and experiences in a smaller setting. I am committed to hit the ground running in serving students, staff, families, and members of the Manitou Springs School District 14 community."

Dorsey is currently Assistant Superintendent for the Sand Creek Zone in El Paso County School District 49. He previously served as Wasson High School Principal in Colorado Springs District 11 and as assistant principal in the Fountain-Ft Carson and Widefield School Districts. Mr. Dorsey began his career as a special education teacher in Greeley, Colorado.

**ABOUT MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14**

Established in 1872, Manitou Springs School District 14 (MSSD14) serves approximately 1,350 students from Preschool to 12th Grade who reside in the communities of Manitou Springs, Cascade, Green Mountain Falls, Chipita Park, Crystal Park, and Cedar Heights. The district also serves about 48 percent "choice" students who come from other locations in El Paso and Teller Counties.

MSSD14 offers a "small town" educational environment driven by the core values of relationships, deep learning and opportunity. The district and its staff are dedicated to providing a safe and caring learning environment, encouraging all students to reach their potential and preparing responsible citizens.

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