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Deer Creek-Mackinaw CUSD No. 701 Announces New Superintendent!

Mrs. Michele Jacobs has been named Superintendent of Schools for Deer Creek-Mackinaw Community Unit School District No. 701. The Board of Education took action at their meeting held June 19, 2018. Michele is the tenth superintendent since the consolidation of the district in 1949. Michele will assume responsibilities on July 1, 2018, replacing outgoing superintendent, Dr. Scott Dearman.

Mrs. Jacobs, who has served as the Dee-Mack Primary and Junior High School Principal for the past nine years, has twenty-eight years of experience in education. Michele started her teaching career in 1990 at Tri-City Schools teaching Title I Reading and Reading Recovery within the K-6 grade span as well as primary grades 1st and 2nd. She then obtained her first master's degree from the University of Illinois in Curriculum, Technology and Education Reform and was one of the first 26 students in the state to obtain this degree. She became the Technology Director at Tri-City Schools from 2002-2004. After "coming home" to this area to take a Title I Reading position at Dee-Mack PJHS in 2004, Michele then taught looping with 1st and 2nd graders. Michele obtained her administrative master's degree from Governors State University in 2008 and became the Primary and High School assistant principal for Dee-Mack. In 2009, Mrs. Jacobs became the Principal of the primary school and then took over the entire building in subsequent years. Michele has written the Title I, II, IV and other state and federal block grants for the districts in which she has worked. Mrs. Jacobs completed her Education Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership at Western Illinois University, in 2018, and obtained her superintendent's license..

Michele, who was born and raised in McLean County and attended Olympia High School, is familiar with rural communities and believes, "moving to the Dee-Mack school district was the best decision my husband and I ever made! Our children thrived here, and for me it is an honor and privilege to serve as the next Superintendent for this wonderful community. This has been my home for the last fourteen years and I have gotten to know and care greatly for the students and families living here."

Mrs. Jacobs is the 2nd Jacobs (Virgil Jacobs, Michele's father-in-law served from 1962-1990) to lead the district, but she is the first female Superintendent in Dee-Mack history. Michele believes, "being visible and approachable is key to having good community relationships and looks forward to expanding the great things happening within the district, while celebrating the success of ALL of our students! This is not a job, it's a career and way of life. I could not be prouder to serve the hardworking, dedicated and caring staff and community members here in Deer Creek-Mackinaw." Michele and her husband Gary (class of 1976) have two children Tanner, 28 (class of 2007) and Anna, 25 (class of 2010). Tanner is an Assistant District Attorney and practices law in Pennsylvania where he resides with his wife Nina who is a child psychologist. Anna lives in Springfield and works for the Dept. of Children & Family Services.

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