



## McCall-Donnelly School Board Selects Next Superintendent to Lead the District

The McCall-Donnelly School District Board of Trustees selected Mr. Eric Pingrey of Walker Minnesota as their new Superintendent.

“We listened to our patrons and staff. We were asked to find a Superintendent who would lead our district to the next level of achievement. While acknowledging that the MDSD is a state and nationally recognized high performing district, Mr. Pingrey presented a clear and specific strategy on how he would work with our district goals in our continuous improvement plan to foster growth at all levels in the district. Mr. Pingrey’s proven abilities to effect change through research, data, and most importantly his collaborative relationships are stellar”, said Board Chair Laurie Erekson.

This decision came after a lengthy process, facilitated by the Idaho School Boards Association. The Board held several meetings throughout the process, which included reviewing candidate applications, conducting reference checks and research, holding interviews, a community and staff meet and greet session, and studying survey input from the community and staff. The Board spent many hours reviewing candidates and considering the candidate’s strengths. Based on the research completed, the Board overwhelmingly felt that Mr. Pingrey would be an asset to their District.

Pingrey currently resides in Walker, Minnesota as the Superintendent at Walker Hackensack Akeley Independent School District. Prior to that position, he was the principal for the Converse County School District in Douglas, Wyoming, and a principal for the Custer School District in Custer, South Dakota. He was also a Court Services Officer for the Unified Judicial System, an ExCEL Program Administrator for the Department of Corrections, and a Youth Counselor/Teacher for the Department of Corrections.

He has a bachelor’s degree in History and Social Science, a bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education, a master’s degree in Education Administration and a Secondary Principal Administrative Certificate, and a specialist degree in Education Administration Superintendent. He will begin July 1, 2021.