

Wade Meschke chosen as next MPS Assistant Superintendent

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New school years always bring change for the students who attend classes with Mandan Public Schools (MPS)- but in 2026, major changes will also take place for staff members. Mike Bitz, the current Superintendent, plans to retire, and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Carly Retterath will replace him in the role. This also means that someone must fill her former role, and recently, it was announced that MPS has chosen Wade Meschke to do just that.

According to a press release from MPS, Meschke has 30 years of experience in education, including 19 years in Mandan Public Schools. He holds a Bachelor of

Science in Elementary Education and Physical Education (as well as a Master of Science in School Counseling) from the University of Mary, and a Master of Science in Elementary Education from North Dakota State University.

Meschke has spent the last 14 years as the principal of Roosevelt High School, where MPS states he has exemplified everything that an educator should, including leadership skills, a commitment to student success, and the desire to support both staff and families. These traits are what led the school board to seek him out as the Assistant Superintendent.

"We are excited to welcome Mr. Meschke into the role of Assistant Superintendent," said Dr. Retterath in the

release. "His years of experience, leadership within our district, and commitment to students and staff make him a great fit to help lead Mandan Public Schools in the future."

"I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the students, staff, and families of Mandan Public Schools," said Meschke in the release. "Mandan is an incredible community, and I look forward to supporting our schools and working alongside our dedicated educators to help every student succeed."

If the school board approves the nomination at their March 16 meeting, Meschke will assume the role of Assistant Superintendent on July 1.



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