



# Moberly School District

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## Moberly School District announces next superintendent



Moberly School District's Board of Education finalized discussion regarding superintendent candidates Wednesday evening, January 25, 2023. The Board of Education is pleased to announce the upcoming appointment of Mrs. Cristina Wright as the next Superintendent of Schools following unanimous Board approval.

The Board selected Mrs. Wright following a comprehensive search process facilitated by Missouri School Boards' Association which produced a highly qualified and diverse group of candidates. The Board used stakeholder feedback to identify key characteristics desirable in the new leader. This feedback was used to create interview questions and guide the search process.

Board President Heather Cleavinger said, "The Board was motivated by our dedication to the school district and the Moberly community. Mrs. Wright impressed the Board with the clarity of her vision, the precision of her communication, and the joy she brings to her work with students and staff."

The Board recognized the school community voiced the need for our next educational leader to have a track record of experience and success in unifying stakeholders around a vision and strategic plan, the ability to communicate effectively with all members of the school community, and the creativity to align funding with long term academic success and safety across campus. Board Vice President Susanna Freeman said, "Mrs. Wright is an exciting addition and the experience and passion for students she brings will lead Moberly far into the future."

Originally from the Gladstone area, Mrs. Wright has multi-generational ties to Moberly through her maternal grandfather, William Wescott. Mrs. Wright started her career in North Kansas City School District where she taught high school and middle school English/Language Arts. Mrs. Wright left North Kansas City to serve as a principal in a private school in Jefferson City and then became a principal in St. Elizabeth, MO, before advancing to the superintendent position in Licking.

Cristina received her Bachelors' Degree from the University of Missouri – Columbia. She received her Masters' Degree from Park University and her Specialists' Degree from William Woods University, where she is in the process of completing her Doctorate in Education Leadership.

"My parents made personal sacrifices to provide educational opportunities for my siblings and me. We were taught that education combined with hard work could change the course of our lives. I'm incredibly grateful for these lessons and to the Board of Education for allowing me to apply these values as the next Superintendent for Moberly School District. Our shared beliefs and values, which are highlighted in the District's Strategic Plan, will guide us as we continue promoting *'Excellence for All'*. I am thrilled to settle into the community and dive into our work together!"

Cristina Wright is married to Glen Wright, retired Lieutenant Colonel for the U.S. Army. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are proud of their son, Logan, age 23, who serves in Missouri National Guard; their son, Ayden, age 18, who will graduate from Licking High School this May to pursue collision repair; and their daughter, Rosemary, age 14, who will start her freshman year at Moberly High School in August. Along with her immediate family, Mrs. Wright credits her extended family for their love and support.

The Board of Education is appreciative of the feedback from administrators, teachers, staff, students, parents, and community members throughout this process. The Board will host a meet and greet with Mrs. Wright beginning at 4 PM, Thursday, February 23 in the Moberly High School library, prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Board. All staff and community members are invited to attend.

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