



Middleton School District  
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## **Trustees choose Marc Gee of Preston School District to lead Middleton School District, beginning July 1**

The Board of Trustees has selected Marc Gee of the Preston School District as the next superintendent of the Middleton School District.



The board voted 5-0 Monday night after conducting face-to-face interviews with Gee and the other two finalists: Middleton Academy Principal Glen Croft and Wilder Superintendent Jeff Dillion.

“We are very fortunate to have this caliber of candidates to choose from,” Trustee Chairman Kirk Adams said.

“The Board was looking for an experienced leader who could represent our community, schools and administration all while supporting our students. We believe Marc Gee will provide the leadership to meet our goal of ‘Every Student Learning Everyday.’ We thank all the applicants who were involved in the process. We took the opportunity to learn something from each of them. We look forward to introducing Mr. Gee to the Middleton community in the coming weeks,” Adams said.

“I’m extremely excited to have this opportunity,” Gee said, adding that it is still bittersweet after being in Preston since 2015.

“But this is the right move for my family,” Gee said. “We are excited for the change. I am ready to take on the challenge to be a part of the Middleton community.”

In his application, Gee said the past 17 years, working in the education field as a teacher, on up to superintendent, has provided the foundation he needs to successfully lead the Middleton School District.

Gee has also served as president and vice president of the state superintendent and administrator association as well as serving on the state superintendent's cabinet.

"Building relationships is of utmost importance in any leadership position and these service roles have afforded me the opportunity to continually hone these skills and find opportunities, both for Idaho education in general and my local district," Gee said.

Gee has been superintendent at Preston School District since July of 2015, and has served as an online principal of Idaho Digital Learning Alliance since June 2011. He was Garden Valley School District superintendent for one year and he held positions in the Sugar-Salem School District as a principal and teacher during an eight-year period.

Gee expects to complete his doctorate in educational administration at Northwest Nazarene University this year, where he also earned his education specialist's degree. He earned his master's from Idaho State University and his bachelor's from Utah State University.

In outlining several steps he would take if selected, Gee indicated that he would need to establish a level of trust within the district.

"This is not an implication that there is a lack of trust now, only a recognition that trust is earned and developed, not granted," Gee said in his application. "My responsibility is to build that trust with those in the district so that we can move forward together as a cohesive group."

A key to success, Gee said, is to build relationships with Middleton School District colleagues, board members and community members.

"I need to understand the history of the community and then participate within the greater community through organizations and clubs. But even more important than that, I need to be someone that patrons and community members feel that can talk to," Gee said. "A strong parent advisory organization has offered a greater degree of understanding between the district and the community at large."

The Middleton School Board has set the salary range for the new superintendent between \$120,000 and \$140,000. Trustee Derek Moore will negotiate Gee's salary and contract.

Superintendent Kristin Beck, who stepped into the role as superintendent in July 2020, told the trustees in January that she plans to return as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources at the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1.