

## Andrew S. Wise, Ph.D. New Superintendent of Center Cass 66



Center Cass 66 would like to welcome Dr. Andrew S. Wise as our new Superintendent. Dr. Wise officially begins on July 1, 2020, but you will see him around this winter and spring as he prepares for his transition. Dr. Wise is currently Superintendent of Olympia CUSD #16 and a professor at Illinois State University. In his 20 years at Olympia, he has successfully served as principal, business manager, and superintendent. Andrew holds a Chief School Business Officials certificate (CSBO), Superintendent Certificate, and Ph.D. from Illinois State University. In addition, Andrew earned his Certificate of Advanced Leadership from the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) as well as his National Advanced Leadership certification from the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), where he currently holds a National Governing Board post.

Andrew is a founding member of AASA's National Redefining Readiness Cohort, appointed to the College Board National Superintendent Advisory, and serves as a College Career Commissioner through the American Association of Community Colleges. In addition, Dr. Wise was recently honored as Illinois State University's Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Wise enjoys influencing policy and stewarding change on all levels for the betterment of children. Dr. Wise's passion is developing his employees, ensuring growth of the organization, and helping students master the art of learning. He enjoys sharing the work of his district with colleagues by presenting at conferences, writing articles in national publications, and conducting media interviews with educational leaders. On a more personal level, Dr. Wise enjoys music, nature, hiking, sports, attending school events, and spending time with his two college-aged children.

Andrew credits his success, and the success of his district, to having a strong Board of Education, outstanding Administrative team, hard-working employees, and some of the best students in Illinois. When asked about his new appointment as leader of Center Cass 66, Dr. Wise shared, "It is an honor to partner with the Center Cass Board, parents, employees, and students, to ensure all of our children grow into well-rounded people, equipped with the skills necessary to excel in school and in life." When asked about what drew him to Center Cass 66, Dr. Wise commented, "Every member of the Center Cass family has greeted me with a smile, warmth, and kindness. When you couple amazing people with strong leadership, a culture of excellence, and a shared vision for student success, the sky is the limit. The people, the potential, and the supportive educational environment drew me here. Can't wait to start working with the greater Center Cass learning community to ensure our students receive the very best education, which results in the highest levels of student preparedness for school and life".