

Community Consolidated School District 62

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Business Services Director Appointed to D62 Assistant Superintendent Position

DES PLAINES, IL (May 4, 2009) –Nelson W. Gray, business services director from Kildeer Countryside School District 96, was appointed by the School District 62 Board of Education as the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, effective July 1, 2009.

Gray currently serves as the Director of Business Services in Kildeer Countryside CCSD 96, a high achieving school district feeding into Stevenson High School District. Gray has served in this capacity since 2005. Prior to that, he served as the Director of Facilities and Transportation in Kildeer from 2001-2005. He entered the school district business after several years in the private sector. From 1991-2001, he was an Environmental Services Manager. Gray also served as vice-president for a national environmental consulting company, as well as senior consultant for Asbestos Controls Methods, Inc.

Gray earned a B.S. in Philosophy and Psychology from the University of Wisconsin and an M.S. in Education as a Chief School Business Official from Northern Illinois University. He was recently elected to serve on the Illinois Association of School Business Officials' governing board.

Some of his recent accomplishments include:

- Organizing a successful \$0.42 Education Fund Rate increase referendum in 2006
- Completing over 7 million dollars of construction projects on time and within budget
- Upgrading the District's Bond rating to Aa1 from Aa2 for \$2.5 million GO Refunding Bonds, Series 2008
- Completing a \$4.1 million 2006 Debt Certificate sale to support construction projects
- Participating in negotiations for four collective bargaining agreements

- Bidding special education student transportation services, saving \$500,000 dollars annually

Gray replaces Susan Shepard, who recently accepted a business services position in another school district. Community Consolidated School District 62 educates over 4,800 students in eleven K-8 schools. 775 certified and support staff work together to educate the district's children.

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