

D62 Director of Special Services Appointed



February 6, 2007 – Monday evening, the Board of Education of School District 62 approved the appointment of Brad Voehringer, currently the Director of Student Services in Highland Park, as the new Director of Special Services, effective July 1, 2007. Voehringer will replace Tavia Floyd, who is retiring July 30, 2007. Voehringer brings more than fifteen years as a special education teacher and administrator to this position.

Since 2005, Voehringer has been responsible for all student services, which involves special education programs and all related services, student records, health services, discipline, truancy, student crisis, and development in North Shore School District 112. As co-leader of the Department of Instruction, he has initiated disability awareness training, received the I-ASPIRE grant, and has begun aligning the district curriculum and practices to implement "Response to Intervention" programs.

Voehringer began his teaching career in Community High School District 155, where he also coached tennis. In 2001, he was promoted to an Assistant Principal/Intervention Specialist in Mount Prospect School District 57. His responsibilities included the coordination of special education and related services for more than fifty students and providing technical and legal expertise in the area of special education practices, compliance and procedures. Voehringer also supervised the Gifted Education and English as a Second Language programs at Fairview School.

Voehringer also brings a personal knowledge of District 62, having worked as the Director of Special Services for East Maine Township School District 63, which along with School Districts 62, 64 and 207, is a member of the Maine Township Special Education Program (MTSEP). From 2002-2005, he was responsible for the development and implementation of a strategic plan to improve the overall quality and performance of the special education department in a district of seven schools serving more than 3,500 students.

Prior to teaching, Voehringer worked in retail merchandising and management.

Voehringer holds a master's degree from the University of Chicago, and a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University. His General Administrative Certificate was earned from North Central College.

Several awards and honors have been bestowed upon Voehringer. He has:

- Received an Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education (IAASE) Innovative Practices Grant
- Been honored with a Superintendent's Communication Council Award of Excellence from Palatine School District 15

- Served as an Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Peer Mentor
- Was a former Board Member of the North Cook Intermediate Center
- Honored as the 1997 Northwest Herald Coach of the Year.

When asked about his interest in serving students with special needs, Voehringer responded, "I learned early on that whatever career I chose it had to involve helping people. I enjoy the challenge that special education children bring, and I very much enjoy working with their families and professional to meet the needs of children."

Voehringer and his wife, Allison, are the parents of a daughter and two sons. They reside in Palatine.