



Keota School Board Names 3 Finalists for Superintendent/High School Principal Position

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KEOTA, IA — The Keota Community School District School Board has named three finalists in its search for the district's superintendent and high school principal position. The finalists are Lisa Brenneman, Frederick Matlage, and Dr. Michael Volk.

Brenneman currently serves as a district online learning specialist in the Iowa City CSD, where she is responsible for the design, implementation, oversight, and management of five 4A high schools. Brenneman is professionally trained as a certified online development specialist, as well as in PK-12 administrative success and professional learning communities. She was previously the PK-12 principal of Keota CSD for nine years, where she also oversaw grades 7-12 and served as curriculum and athletic director.

Currently, Matlage serves as superintendent of Sumner-Fredericksburg Schools. His responsibilities include supporting the maintenance of a positive general fund balance, working with the school business official on yearly budgets and five-year budget projections, and completing reports for the state of Iowa. Matlage also serves as an instructor at Northwest Iowa Community College and Iowa Lakes Community College, teaching Western Civilization courses. Previously, Matlage was PK-12 principal at West Harrison CSD.

Dr. Volk is the current principal and instructional leader for grades PK-6 at St. Patrick School in Anamosa, Iowa. In this role, he has improved statewide assessment scores in math and reading by over 20 percent by implementing a comprehensive school improvement plan and facilitated strategic planning. He is professionally trained in Professional Standards for Educational Leaders, multi-tiered systems of supports, and social-emotional learning. He previously served as the talented and gifted director in South Tama County CSD.

Board members have been working with [Grundmeyer Leader Services](#) to conduct the search. As a next step, the board and stakeholder interview teams will conduct final interviews with each of the finalists on Thursday, February 2. The board will then discuss the candidates and reach a final decision soon after the formal interviews.

The new superintendent and high school principal will officially begin leading the Keota Community School District on July 1, 2023.

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