

Woodstock Community Unit School District 200

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New principal selected to lead Woodstock North

Woodstock North High School will welcome a new principal for the start of the 2022-2023 school year who most recently served as principal in Mount Prospect in School District 59.

Josh Segura's career roots include teaching at Barrington High School and working as an assistant principal and dean of students in Round Lake and Rolling Meadows, respectively.

He's excited to join the team at Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 and to work with the Thunder students and staff.

"I love the energy of working in a high school, and all of the pageantry associated with it – the games, the fine arts events. All of those things are so important for well-rounded students to be able to work in a global society," Segura said.

Segura, who is fluent in Spanish, said one of the attractive components of working in Woodstock schools is the success of its Dual Language program that continues through 12th grade.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts degrees in Spanish language and literature from Northern Illinois University in 2005 and a Master's Degree in administration and leadership from Concordia University in 2009. Segura also expects to complete his doctorate in educational administration and supervision from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2023.

District 200 Superintendent Mike Moan said he was excited to welcome Segura to the administrative team.

"During our interview process and in the process of talking with people who have worked with Josh, it became apparent that he's demonstrated strength in building relationships with all school stakeholders. Our staff, students and parents will all enjoy working with Josh," Moan said.

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Segura replaces Darlea Livengood, who retired this summer, and will begin his duties in early July. While he met many during his interviews, Segura said he's looking forward to meeting the rest of the Thunder staff.

"Obviously, the students are our main focus and priority, but I strongly believe that if you take care of the staff they are going to take care of the kids," he said.

He said he can't wait to have students back in the building on Aug. 15 and is looking forward to getting to know them.

"Watching that growth from that freshman year through senior year and watching them think about their own life in terms of goals and what they want to achieve as an adult is exciting," Segura said.

"That's our job to help them discover those things as learners, as individuals and toward a potential career path whether it's in college or the trades."

The District 200 Board of Education approved Segura's hire at its regular board meeting on Tuesday (June 21) with a salary of \$141,000.

Segura grew up in McHenry County and resides in Crystal Lake.