Burr Ridge CCSD 180

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Dear Burr Ridge CCSD 180 Families and Community Members,

My name is Mr. Kenndell Smith, and I am humbled and excited to introduce myself as the next Superintendent of Schools for Burr Ridge Community Consolidated School District 180. I am grateful for the trust placed in me, and I am committed to serving this community with integrity, transparency, and a deep passion for student success.

I bring 26 years of experience in education, including service as a Teacher, Dean, Assistant Principal, Principal, and most recently as the Director of Curriculum & Instruction for Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144. These experiences have shaped my belief that children succeed when strong instruction, positive relationships, and supportive school environments work together.

I am originally from Newark, New Jersey, and now live in Chicago with my wife and I am a proud father of four. I earned my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Florida Memorial University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University. I am currently completing my doctoral coursework at Concordia University Chicago.

As I transition into this new role, I am eager to meet the families, students, and community members who make Burr Ridge 180 such a special place. I look forward to attending school events, visiting classrooms, listening to your perspectives, and learning what you value most for your children. My commitment is to build upon the district's existing strengths while expanding opportunities that ensure each student is prepared for future success.

Please know that my door is open. I welcome your ideas, your questions, and your partnership. Together, we will continue working toward a district that reflects our shared belief that every child can thrive when given the right support, encouragement, and opportunity.

I look forward to meeting you and working with you as we begin this exciting new chapter for Burr Ridge CCSD 180.

With gratitude,
Mr. Kenndell L. Smith
Incoming Superintendent of Schools
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