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Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation Superintendent Dr. Shane Robbins Resigns to Take a Position in South Carolina

The Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation (MVCSC) Superintendent Dr. Shane Robbins has been named the Superintendent of the Kershaw School District in Camden, South Carolina. Robbins tendered his resignation today, and it will be accepted by the board on Monday, May 21. His last day will be effective at the end of his contract, June 30, 2018. The process will begin immediately to replace the MVCSC Superintendent position, and an interim superintendent will be named by the School Board of Trustees at a later date.

The Kershaw School District is located close to the Army base (Ft. Jackson) that Robbins serves simultaneously as the Admin Chief for the FCC Columbia National Disaster Medical System. This will provide a level of convenience to fulfill his Army duties as well as less time away from his family and new school community.

MVCSC School Board President, Mrs. Shannon Walls, stated, “Dr. Robbins has been very open and honest in this process. We support him and his family in this decision, and I’m confident that the MVCSC staff will continue to excel in the vision that was developed under Dr. Robbins’ leadership.”

Robbins was contacted by a consultant who drew him to the opportunity at Kershaw County. Robbins stated, “This wasn’t necessarily an opportunity I was looking for, but one I am excited about. I can sincerely state that it has been the hard work of our amazing staff that has put me in this position. My family and I have been blessed from day one by this community and there are not enough words to express my appreciation for that. This has been a great experience that will live with me forever.”

Through his tenure at MVCSC, he was awarded the 2017 Superintendent of the Year (Region V) by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents and also graduated from the National Superintendent’s Academy.

Under Dr. Robbins’ leadership, the district has accomplished numerous projects that have benefited the students and staff of Mt. Vernon. The district team and staff will continue to work diligently to provide

excellent educational opportunities and academics for the students at Mt. Vernon. Dr. Robbins will be leaving the corporation in an impressive state, achieving many positive accolades and programs for the future leadership to manage:

- All five schools are STEM certified by the Indiana Department of Education
- Regained an "A" District status from the Indiana Department of Education
- Launched a 1:1 Initiative K-12 (one computer device per student/staff) with scheduled eLearning Days
- Mt. Vernon regained a positive general fund balance
- \$10 million renovation project at the Mt. Vernon Middle School with no tax impact (\$8 million was accounted for in savings accrued from refinancing bonds)
- First district in Indiana to not collect the third year's referendum tax
- Enrollment has increased over 500 students in three years, and is currently 4,000+ students
- Developed an international exchange program for MVCSC, beginning with China, Taiwan, Spain, and Germany
- Launched a Mini-Marauder Preschool - Early Learning Academy
- Launched two MVCSC apps with push notifications for additional community outreach/connection
- Began a "Delayed Start Wednesday's" program to provide weekly professional development for teachers in support of the 1:1 Initiative
- Moved the management of the special education services internally to provide improved services to students
- Added staff for the high-ability program, technology, curriculum and facilities
- Expanded summer school for all ages, (remediation as well as enrichment), and extended summer school enrollment to students that attend other districts
- Made major facility improvements to all buildings
- Invested in the Mt. Vernon High School band with 80 instruments and band tower
- Continued increased assessed valuation of the property in the Mt. Vernon community
- Removed the "Pay-to-Participate" club and athletic fees

The Mt. Vernon community greatly appreciates Dr. Robbins' vision, drive and leadership. The Mt. Vernon community also wishes him continued success in his excelling career.

About the Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation:

Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation is located in the northwest area of Hancock County with five award-winning schools. Mt. Vernon provides academic excellence with innovative educational programming in a safe environment for over 4,000 students. Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation will **Engage**, **Educate** and **Empower** today's students to seize tomorrow's opportunities.

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