

Dr. Scott A. Smith has been named Superintendent of Jackson R-2 School District. He resigns as Superintendent of Gasconade County R-1, effective June 30, 2021.

This announcement follows a special board meeting that was held Monday, December 21, 2020 in which Dr. Smith submitted his letter of resignation to the Gasconade County R-1 Board of Directors. Dr. Smith will assume the role of Superintendent of Jackson on July 1, 2021. The Jackson R-2 School District is in southeastern Missouri and serves approximately 5100 students.

Dr. Smith joined the Gasconade County R-1 School District in 2018. Some highlights during Smith's time as Superintendent include development and implementation of a new strategic plan serving as a roadmap for the future of public education in the district, expansion of college course offerings and restructure of district facilities to better serve student needs. Also, an emphasis was placed on safety with implementation of a comprehensive emergency management plan.

He also spearheaded a complete salary audit of all pay schedules and worked with the board to make salaries more competitive, also the district moved to from an insurance consortium to a stand-alone policy, saving the district and staff thousands of dollars. During his time the district fund balance has increased.

Dr. Smith commented, "I have enjoyed my time in Hermann as superintendent. I am proud of the accomplishments we have made to enhance student learning and propel the district forward. I am very confident in the leadership team currently in place at Gasconade County R-1, knowing they will continue to make their decisions based on what is in students' best interest. However, I am looking forward to being closer to family and I have always held the Jackson R-2 School District in high regard. This is a good opportunity for my family."

With a notice in December, this will allow the board ample time to recruit and retain a highly qualified individual to fill the superintendent role. Dr. Smith indicated, "I will be very supportive during the transition process. In the meantime, I will continue to fulfill my obligations at Gasconade County R-1 to the best of my ability."