



**DR. JARET TOMLINSON**

*Superintendent of Schools*



Dr. Jaret Tomlinson has been named the next Superintendent of Schools for Excelsior Springs School District. He is currently the Deputy Superintendent for the district, a role in which he has served for the last 9 years.

Dr. Tomlinson has been in education for 21 years. Throughout that time, he has served as a teacher and coach (3), High School Principal (5), Deputy Superintendent (9), and Superintendent (4). Prior to his career in education, Dr. Tomlinson proudly served in the United States Marine Corps.

In this new position, Dr. Tomlinson's goal is to complete the district's long range facility plan by replacing Lewis Elementary with a new state of the art facility, and retooling the budget to set the district up for financial success for years to come. Dr. Tomlinson has been responsible for hiring over the past 10 years, and takes a lot of pride in our staff and their hard work to make school a great place for kids. Dr. Tomlinson explained, "Now I get to develop salaries and benefits to try to take care of those employees in the best possible fashion with the funds available to us."

"The secret to great schools is understanding that this is a people business. Students, teachers, staff, parents and community members all play an important role in ensuring our schools are great. When you talk about a school district, you talk about the people in it." Tomlinson said. "Our district has so many great educators and human beings who give so much of their lives to the children of our community. No matter what your policies and procedures are, it's the people that make the difference. And sometimes supporting them is the most important thing a school leader can do."

Dr. Tomlinson has agreed to be the next Superintendent of Schools for the next two school years. The Board of Education is also planning to hire a Superintendent in Waiting to bring on board to work alongside Dr. Tomlinson so that he may mentor and train them in the many complexities of the role. The Board of Education wants to ensure that our district has a steady, stable and consistent leadership direction for the foreseeable future and this process is the first step in accomplishing that goal.

