

## West Irondequoit schools select superintendent

Johnson replaces Crane, who served since 2003

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The West Irondequoit Central School District appointed a superintendent Friday during a special meeting of its Board of Education.

Aaron Johnson, 45, was tapped to replace Jeffrey Crane, who is retiring at the end of the year after serving as superintendent since 2003. Johnson is currently the superintendent in the Avon Central School District in Livingston County. He will begin in his new role on March 4. Jon G. Hunter, a former deputy assistant superintendent in the district, will serve as interim superintendent between Jan. 1 and March 3. The board cited Johnson's mix of experience as a teacher and an administrator as one of the primary reasons for selecting him. "My family and I could not be more excited to be joining the West Irondequoit community," Johnson said in a release. "The West Irondequoit Central School District has a brilliant reputation as an innovative leader and champion for children in the Rochester region that makes it an excellent place to live, learn and lead."

The board conducted a fourmonth- long search and identified 22 applicants with the help of School Leadership, LLC. The district conducted 11 focus groups among school personnel and held two community forums to gather feedback. It also received 374 responses from an online survey.

"Aaron Johnson has developed a strong reputation as a dynamic educator and determined leader who understands the most important job of any school district is to provide a comprehensive and quality education for all children," board president John Vay said in a release. "He is exactly the type of leader we need."

Johnson and his wife, Ainslie, have a 3-year-old son named Abel. Johnson

earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the College at Brockport. He then completed his doctorate in 2015 at the University of Rochester's Warner School of Education.

He became superintendent in Avon in 2015. Johnson began his teaching career in 1997 in Hilton and then taught earth science and biology at Gates Chili from 1998 to 2008. He was also an assistant principal at Gates Chili and then followed that up with a five-year stint as principal at Byron Bergen Junior/Senior High School.



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