

Utah School Superintendent Association

2018 Superintendent of the Year



David Styler has served as the superintendent of the Millard School District since 2010, and is in his 8th year leading the district. A product of Millard County Schools, his 33-year professional career has been spent entirely in Millard County. Having been able to follow his own desire to live in and contribute to his home county, his focus has been clear... to create an educational environment that will support students following down the same path, to reach their own goals and aspirations.

His original career goal of teaching American History to 8th grade students transitioned when he was asked to serve as an assistant principal, first at Delta Middle, and later at Delta High School. He was then named principal at Delta Middle School where he served for ten years. From that position he was moved to the role of superintendent, where he has treasured the opportunity to serve all of the education community.

In a time of teacher shortages and staffing challenges, he has recognized the need to elevate the teaching profession. He has implemented new teacher incentives to attract and retain the finest teachers to Millard County, and has worked to boost pay for new teachers to get them to a level that helps them meet the demands of supporting families. During his tenure the district has instigated late career salary steps, 30-year appreciation awards, and a retirement stipend to show appreciation to life-long educators who have contributed to the success of students. He has worked with his Board to facilitate extensive paid professional development time in his district, with all teachers receiving at least 5 days of time. Much of this time has been used to prepare teachers for the district's personalized learning initiative, which promotes learning anywhere and anytime, with new and innovative technologies and instruction strategies to enhance student achievement.

As superintendent, he has prioritized efforts to be in classrooms and has spent at least one class period in each of the district's 165 classrooms each year. He loves to see the wonderful things taking place in the lives of young people and often expresses his appreciation with hand written notes for each teacher, or recently by presenting each teacher with an apple on the first day of school to welcome them and their students back. He currently serves as the President of the Utah State Superintendent's Association and loves his opportunity to rub shoulders with and learn from the incredible Superintendents that serve in the State.

Superintendent Styler is married to the former Danielle Henrie, also a product of the Millard School District, and they are the parents of five children, Savannah, Russell, Zachary, Kelli, and Madelyn, who have thrived in Millard County Schools.