

## 2019 USSA Superintendent of the Year: Jerre Homes



Jerre Holmes is currently serving his 8<sup>th</sup> year as the superintendent of the North Summit School District. A graduate of Cokeville High School in Wyoming, the University of Utah and Utah State University, Jerre has spent his 31-year career in the Beehive state. He began his teaching and coaching journey at Ben Lomond High School in Ogden for four years and then moved to Rich High School in Randolph for nine more years. In 2000, he moved to North Summit High School where he taught English, coached football and basketball, and served as principal before becoming the superintendent of schools in 2010. During his time as a coach, he won three state football championships in a row at Rich High School, including amassing (at the time) the longest winning streak (28). In 2007, at North Summit he won a state championship in basketball, another one in 2009. In football, at North Summit he won back to back state championships in 2007 and 2008, going undefeated in 2007.

Superintendent Holmes' passion is the thrill and challenge of helping young people succeed. He recognizes the importance of positive adults in the lives of young people and has worked hard to be a partner with the teachers and staff in his district. With the support of a great North Summit School Board, he has been able to increase the number of professional development days for the teachers and has led the charge for some significant pay raises and added benefits for his staff. In 2012, under his leadership, the district implemented a successful 1:1 technology initiative, and he has played a significant role in working to improve the financial status of his district by helping pass a board voted leeway, paying off land debts and selling properties that were no longer useful to the school district.

Superintendent Holmes prioritizes his time to be in the schools, to listen to, and tend to the needs of students and staff. He loves to observe closely the interaction between students and adults in the classroom and halls of each school. He recently implemented a district program called I SWEAR (Inspire Students With Empowering Adult Relationships). The purpose of the program is to make sure every student who is struggling mentally, emotionally or academically, receives support and resources to succeed.

Superintendent Holmes currently serves as the President of the Utah School Superintendent's Association. He greatly enjoys his relationships with the other superintendents.

Superintendent Holmes and his wife, Diane are blessed with five children, three sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law and eight grandchildren. They enjoy residing in beautiful Coalville, Utah.