



Western Maricopa Education Center school district announces new superintendent
Experienced education administrator to lead West-MEC's CTED initiatives

PHOENIX (July 5, 2022) – Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC), a career technical education (CTED) public school district serving 12 public school communities in the north central and western portions of Maricopa County, is pleased to welcome Dr. Scott D. Spurgeon as superintendent.

As incoming superintendent, Spurgeon will lead funding initiatives for programs and supervise methods of teaching, while staying abreast of current and future economic development trends. He will also maintain systems to ensure the school district's financial health.

In his last role as superintendent for Riverview Gardens School District, an urban district of 5,750 students located in St. Louis, Mo., Spurgeon oversaw all district operations and lead initiatives to connect students to technical and certificate careers opportunities.

In 2020, Spurgeon received the Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA) Missouri State Superintendent of the Year Award. The following year, Spurgeon was elected by MASA membership to be one of five American Association of School Administrators (AASA) Executive Governing Board members for a three year-term.

Spurgeon will be taking the reins in July from Greg Donovan, who served for more than 42 years in the education industry and 20 as West-MEC's founding superintendent.

"I am very excited about this opportunity," said Spurgeon. "I am committed to continuing the tradition of academic excellence for West-MEC student and adult learners and look forward to working with all our community stakeholders and collaborative partners to make the West-MEC experience number one in America."

Spurgeon holds a Doctor of Education from Saint Louis University, a Master of Educational Administration from Northeastern State University, and an Education Specialist degree from Oklahoma State University. In another life, Spurgeon was a professional baseball player on the Houston Astros and played as a catcher, first baseman and designated hitter.

As an Arizona transplant, Spurgeon is poised to continue West-MEC's mission of preparing students today for tomorrow's careers. Spurgeon added, "The opportunities West-MEC provides for high school and adult students are second to none. It's a great day to be at West-MEC."

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About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district that focuses solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools, across 3,876 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC now also offers adult education programs. Visit www.west-mec.edu for more information about West-MEC's career-driven education opportunities or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.