

# MEET THE WISCONSIN HEIGHTS ADMIN TEAM

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We are excited to kick off the start of the upcoming 24-25 school year with an afternoon of connection and fun. Please join us for a community meet and greet with our school administrative team. We have an incredible group of leaders eager to support the students and staff of WHSD.



MEET  
AND  
GREET

**WEDNESDAY**

**7.31.2024**

From 4:00 - 6:00PM

STEP ROOM

Middle/High School

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**Light refreshments will be served.**

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Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

It is my incredible honor to be chosen to serve you, our students, and the community in the upcoming school year as the District Administrator for the Wisconsin Heights School District. I have an incredible sense of hope and excitement for what we will create together in the months ahead.

I want to take this time to introduce myself and share my thoughts on the year ahead. I come to WHSD with more than twenty-seven years of professional experience. I have been a teacher, coach, middle & high school administrator, college professor, non-profit executive for the Wisconsin Association of School Councils, and most recently, a director for a community coalition centered on prevention and mental health. I have worked collaboratively with organizations like the WIAA, Milwaukee Bucks, and the WI Badgers. I have also held leadership positions in Rotary at the local and state level. I have had the unique opportunity to work with hundreds of schools throughout Wisconsin and nationally on the power of student voice. My passion for serving students and communities is at the heart of all I do. To learn more about my plan for the months ahead, please visit our website or click [HERE](#)

At Wisconsin Heights, our vision has always been clear: to develop engaged citizens through diverse experiences and rigorous academic expectations. This vision will continue to drive every facet of our mission, which centers on several key principles, priorities and outcomes for the 2024-25 year:

1. **Prepare for a school year that continues to ensure high-quality instruction for all learners, data driven decision making, and aligned to our core values.** Equipping our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in an increasingly complex world is important. By employing the most effective teaching methods and supporting our educators to do so, we will continue to ensure that each student reaches their fullest potential.
2. **Evaluate, explore, and create strategies to support student achievement, growth, and connection.** Education is not just about teaching; it's about understanding the needs and progress of every student. We will continue to use data to inform our decisions, ensuring that our strategies are targeted and effective in meeting the diverse needs of our student body. Creating an environment where students feel not only academically challenged but also connected and supported will be a priority.
3. **Foster a positive, collaborative school and community culture built on trust and transparency.** Collaboration will always be at the heart of our success. We recognize the vital role that our staff, families and the community play in a student's educational journey. By fostering strong partnerships and building trust, we will continue to create a supportive environment where every student can thrive.
4. **Build positive, collaborative relationships with stakeholders while gaining both a personal and professional familiarity with the WHSD and community.** Central to our mission is the belief that positive relationships are foundational to a successful learning experience. In the years ahead, we will prioritize creating a respectful, inclusive, positive and nurturing environment where every student feels valued and supported.

Along with these priorities/principles, we will work diligently to assess and implement key strategies to ensure school safety, create opportunities where we can grow as a K-12 educational community/campus, and find ways to engage our students in leadership opportunities and impactful change.

Together, with dedicated educators, supportive families, and an engaged community, we will continue to uphold our mission and inspire a passion for lifelong learning among our students. We have an incredible team of education leaders ready to make these things happen. **Please join us for a community meet and greet with our administrative team on Wednesday, July 31st from 4 - 6 PM in the Step Room of the MS/HS.**

I look forward to working alongside each of you as we strive for excellence and prepare our students to become active, responsible citizens of tomorrow.

Proud to be a Vanguard,  
Michelle McGrath, Ed. D