

Superintendent Edward Drapp Profile

Since joining School District No. 6 as its business manager in 2007, Edward Drapp has continued to be recognized for his leadership abilities. After being appointed as acting superintendent by the Board of Education in 2010, Drapp was named permanent superintendent in 2013, a role in which he has been instrumental in introducing advances in education and learning to the district. In addition to being dedicated to the students within the Connecticut towns of Warren, Goshen and Morris, Superintendent Drapp serves as an adjunct professor at Sacred Heart University, where he teaches graduate level courses at the Farrington College of Education.

Committed to furthering his own education, Drapp is currently enrolled in the AASA National Superintendent Certification program, and is also enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of New England, specializing in Transformative Leadership in Education.

Superintendent Drapp's belief that every child can learn and excel was shaped by his own early educational experiences. The Bridgeport, Connecticut native concedes to having struggled through elementary school and high school, uninspired by an approach largely based on rote learning and memorization. He was never exposed to hands-on learning until taking a biology course in the Army, while in Germany, offered through the University of Maryland Extension program. "It was the first time I enjoyed learning and made connections," he explained. "This one professor inspired a passion for learning that has stayed with me for over 40 years."

Drapp eventually went on to earn his B.A. from Charter Oak State College in Independent Studies, followed by an M.B.A. from Post University. He later received his Intermediate Administrator/Supervisor Certificate for Sacred Heart University, as well as a Superintendent Certificate from Central Connecticut State University.

Not wanting others to prolong their love of learning and reading until later in life, he looks for every opportunity to optimize student engagement: "I want each child to feel a sense of belonging and know that the adults are there to help and support them."

Supporting Region 6's commitment to stay "Future Ready," a goal shared by schools across the country to equip students with the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to succeed in their later academic and work-related pursuits, Superintendent Drapp and several members of his team have participated in Future Ready Regional Summits. "I am grateful that the U.S. Department of Education, which hosts these events, is committed to providing opportunities for districts to stay connected in this important initiative," stated Drapp. These valuable forums bring together local leaders with others outside the region to share ideas on how to best prepare students for success in life, along with expert support for such advances as the implementation of digital learning plans.

Mr. Drapp lives in Middlebury with his wife, Debra. They have three adult children and two grandchildren.

In his "spare" time, Drapp enjoys running, travelling, and spending time with his family.