

# ***Festus Public Schools***

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## **REORGANIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT R-VI**

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For Immediate Release

The Festus R-VI School District announces the hiring of a new high school principal for the 2018-19 school year. Mr. Karl Shininger, who currently serves as building principal at Windsor Middle School, was unanimously selected by the Festus school board during its monthly meeting on April 16.

Mr. Shininger has been principal at Windsor since 2014. During his tenure there, Windsor Middle School saw an increase in its APR score from 74.3% to 94.3%. MAP scores increased in all tested areas, and Mr. Shininger helped revitalize the PLC process in the building. In addition, character education initiatives were implemented.

Prior to his time at Windsor, he was Assistant Principal at Festus Middle School, and also served as a teacher in both the Jefferson R-VII and Windsor school districts. He earned his bachelor's degree from Trine University in Indiana, a master's degree from Defiance College in Ohio, and another master's degree from Missouri Baptist University. Mr. Shininger also was conferred a specialist's degree from Missouri Baptist University, and is currently pursuing a doctorate degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The high school principal position is being vacated by Dr. Diana Allen, who resigned after the completion of this school year. After initial applicant interviews were conducted, three applicants were selected to move on to the second round of interviews conducted by a panel of high school staff members, along with assistant superintendents Dr. Nicki Ruess, and Mr. Nathan Holder.

Mr. Shininger is happy about coming back to the district. "Although I appreciate the time that I have spent at Windsor, I am looking forward to a new opportunity at Festus."

R-VI Superintendent Dr. Link Luttrell spoke highly of Mr. Shininger. "After an extensive search and interview process, it was clear that Mr. Shininger was the best person to be the next leader at Festus High School."

"We are very excited to have Mr. Shininger rejoin our Festus administration team," said Dr. Ruess. "The experience and knowledge he brings with him will continue to advance improvement and growth for all students as he begins his journey at Festus High School. We are confident Mr. Shininger will be a wonderful addition to our team."