

Dr. George Nolan named new principal for Robbinsdale Middle School

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Superintendent Aldo Sicoli on July 7 presented Dr. George Nolan as the new principal of Robbinsdale Middle School (RMS) during the regular meeting of the School Board.

"I am pleased to welcome Dr. Nolan to Robbinsdale Area Schools. Dr. Nolan is a talented and experienced administrator who has earned the respect of educators by demonstrating a capacity for building community and community consensus, nurturing diversity, and promoting professional and academic growth opportunities. I know he will be a great addition to our district," said Sicoli.

Nolan is currently the principal of South Junior High School in St. Cloud. As principal of South Junior High for the past three years, he has led the school's instructional program to ensure students are career and college ready. According to Sicoli, under Nolan's leadership his school was recognized by the State of Minnesota for showing high growth in Multiple Measurement Ratings (MMR), which is the state's accountability system. Additionally, students in grade 6 and 8 outperformed district and state averages in MCA reading and math, said Sicoli.

Prior to his tenure at South Junior High School, Nolan held several administrative positions including serving as the Educational Equity Services Coordinator at St. Cloud Area School District, assistant principal at Edison High School in Minneapolis, and a dean of students at North View Junior High School in Brooklyn Park.

Of his new position Nolan said, "I am extremely excited to work in a progressive school district. The possibilities are endless for Robbinsdale Middle School students. My main goal is to help RMS become the best middle school in the area by providing each student with the skills they need to be ready for college and a career. I want to make sure RMS is a safe, welcoming and supportive environment for all students."

Nolan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southwest State University in Marshall. He holds a Master of Science Degree from Minnesota State University in Mankato and a Doctorate of Educational Leadership from the University of North Dakota.