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Introduction

Meet Andreas Johansson, Superintendent of Newton Falls Exempted Village Schools in northeastern Ohio. Known for its tight-knit community, strong school spirit, and commitment to academic and extracurricular excellence, the district serves as a proud hub of Tiger pride and tradition.

Andreas brings a deep love for public education and a firm belief in its power to shape future generations. His leadership is marked by transparency, innovation, and a proactive approach to student safety and district improvement. Under his guidance, Newton Falls has made significant progress in fostering a safe, inclusive, and forward-thinking learning environment.

Education

Andreas holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations & Political Science, a Master's degree in Teaching and Secondary Education (7-12 Social Studies), and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership – all from Kent State University, in Kent, OH. His dissertation focused on the perceptions of organizational support in school transportation.

His formal education is complemented by ongoing professional development and a passion for applying new tools—like artificial intelligence—to streamline operations and support student success.

Experience

Andreas began his career as a classroom teacher before moving into administration, where he served as both a consultant at the county level, and central office leader – starting in areas of technology, and eventually all-encompassing school operations. His broad range of roles prepared him to take the helm as superintendent, where he leads with a blend of hands-on experience, strategic vision, and a genuine care for staff and students alike.

Currently, Andreas also serves as a thought leader in school safety and transportation, often speaking on the use of AI and technology to support district operations. In addition, he writes a monthly community newsletter, The Tiger Path, to ensure families stay informed and engaged.

Outstanding Achievement(s)

Andreas is particularly proud of helping lead the launch of Newton Falls' new district website (1Tiger.org), designed for better communication and accessibility by all – community members and partners, parents, students, and staff.

He's also spearheading a district-wide strategic planning process and a capital improvement plan, focused on modernizing facilities and enhancing student opportunities.

While he's proud of these accomplishments, Andreas considers his greatest achievement to be fostering a culture where every student and staff member feels seen, heard, and supported. "At the end of the day," he says, "our success is measured not just by test scores or finances, but by the lives we impact."

An Interview

Tell us about how you see today's superintendent.

Today's superintendent must be both deeply knowledgeable and remarkably adaptable. We are expected to be instructional leaders, fiscal stewards, crisis managers, and communication experts—all at once.

One major challenge is meeting evolving community expectations while keeping our focus on students. In an age of rapid communication and constant scrutiny, superintendents need to be visible, accessible, and calm under pressure. The role is complex, but also incredibly rewarding when you see the difference you're making in students' lives.

What new understandings did you acquire after two or three years on the job?

I've come to understand that relationships are the most important currency in leadership. Trust—built over time through consistent, honest communication—is what allows you to move the district forward.

No decision happens in a vacuum. Successful leadership means listening carefully, building coalitions, and understanding the needs and perspectives of everyone from students to bus drivers to board members. It's less about titles and more about teamwork.

Share an idea to use or something you've learned with your colleagues.

I've found that incorporating AI tools into daily administrative tasks—whether it's drafting policy language, organizing communication, or simplifying transportation procedures—saves valuable time and improves clarity.

Also, never underestimate the value of proactive communication. I regularly send personalized updates to board members and host community conversations to keep people engaged. In today's world, staying ahead of the narrative is a key part of leading effectively.

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