

School of Education

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Dr. Deborah L. Kerr

Dr. Deborah Kerr is the Superintendent of Brown Deer School District, one of the most diverse 4K-12th grade districts in the state of Wisconsin with over 1,600 students which includes 70% students and color with over 44% students in poverty. She brings over 36 years of educational experience to her position and is in her ninth year as Superintendent in Brown Deer and very proud to be a Falcon!

She earned her Doctorate of Education Leadership from National-Louis University, a Master of Education from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, and a Bachelor of Arts & Science from Valparaiso University. Her teaching career began at the prestigious University of Chicago – Laboratory Schools. In addition to her current position, Dr. Kerr has served as a middle school principal, an adjunct professor at local universities, an assistant principal, a physical education/health teacher, coach, an athletic director, and a successful girls' varsity high school basketball coach winning two back-to-back state championships.

Her experience also involves membership and leadership roles in regional, state and national organizations. She is currently the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators (WASDA) President and also served as President of the Milwaukee North Shore Rotary.

She is noted for her vision to closing the achievement gap by establishing community partnerships. Her leadership trademark is a commitment to students with high quality learning environments, developing collaborative work teams of professionals, and accelerating learning for all students. She is also deeply committed to continuous improvement in all aspects of the school organization. She knows her students, families, and staff well through excellent communication and interpersonal skills, visibility in the schools and community, models for staff the use of technology and volunteers her service in the community whenever possible.

Deb truly believes that it does take a village to join together and provide high quality educational experiences. Through her learning experiences with great educators she believes that closing the achievement is not elusive but a reality as we collectively work to promote excellence for all of our students.