



# Huntley Community School District 158

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Huntley Superintendent to Step Down January 31, 2018**

*Burkey taking position with LUDA, interim superintendent TBA in January*

HUNTLEY, IL – Huntley Community School District 158 Superintendent Dr. John Burkey has announced his resignation effective January 31, 2018. Burkey is stepping down to take a position as executive director of the Large Unit District Association (LUDA).

Prior to his departure, the Huntley 158 Board of Education will name an interim superintendent for the remainder of the current school year, while beginning the process of identifying a full-time superintendent for the upcoming 2018-19 school year and beyond.

“We thank Dr. Burkey for his 12 years of devoted service to the Huntley community,” said Don Drzal, president of the Huntley 158 Board of Education. “We are saddened to be losing the visionary leadership of Dr. Burkey for our district but are excited that students throughout the State of Illinois will now benefit from his abilities.”

The Large Unit District Association supports the 53 largest unit school districts in Illinois with networking, professional development, and advocacy. It is also a leading voice on statewide educational policy matters.

“Huntley 158 is a special place. There are so many talented, caring people that work for H158, and it has been the highest honor to work alongside the employees of this district,” Burkey said. “I look forward to continue serving students in Illinois, only now on a larger scale.”

Burkey came to Huntley 158 as superintendent in 2006. Since that time, the enrollment of Huntley 158 has grown from less than 7,000 to nearly 10,000. Other accomplishments include numerous construction and renovation projects, implementation of Illinois’ largest K-12 1:1 (one student, one device) initiative, the creation of Huntley High School’s nationally recognized blended learning and specialized academy programs, and record-high standardized test scores, while consistently maintaining one of the lowest operating-cost-per-student rates in the Chicago area.

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