

DR. SCOTT A. MENZEL

Biography

With 18 years' experience leading local school districts in the state of Michigan, Dr. Scott Menzel became Scottsdale Unified School District's 27th superintendent on July 1, 2020. For the previous nine years, Dr. Menzel served as superintendent of the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) in Ann Arbor, Michigan. At that educational service agency, he oversaw the delivery of early childhood, special education, professional development, and technology and data management programs on behalf of nine area school districts. Prior to that, he was superintendent of the Livingston Educational Service Agency for four years and superintendent of Whitmore Lake Public Schools for the five years before that.

Since coming to Scottsdale last year, Dr. Menzel has overseen the district's response to the coronavirus pandemic, maintaining in-person learning opportunities for families choosing that teaching model for their students, and expanding and enhancing the district's virtual and online instructional capabilities for families more comfortable with keeping their students at home.

Dr. Menzel has also initiated a future-focused, strategic planning process that will help set Scottsdale Unified's course for the next five to ten years, engaging the district's broad community of stakeholders to articulate a vision for the district's future that is both aspirational and inspirational. This collaborative process will help ensure that Scottsdale Unified emerges on the other side of the pandemic as a stronger district that is focused on ensuring that its 22,000 students succeed in school today and in the world tomorrow. Driving Dr. Menzel's work is the moral imperative to provide equitable, inclusive, and just opportunities for all students, working collaboratively to that end with local, state, and national partners.

Dr. Menzel has a PhD in Educational Leadership from Eastern Michigan University, a master's degree in Philosophy and Social Policy from The American University in Washington, D.C., and a bachelor's Degree in Religion from Vanguard University of Southern California.

Dr. Menzel has been honored to receive the following awards during his career:

- 2018-19 Outstanding Superintendent Communicator Award, Michigan School Public Relations Association (MSPRA)
- United Way of Washtenaw County "Live United" Award (2018)
- National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) Spirit Award (2017)
- Washtenaw County Sheriff's Special Citation (2017)
- Eastern Michigan University Excellence in Scholarship Award (2017)
- Michigan Region 8 Superintendent of the Year (2014)
- Ann Arbor News/MLive Executive of the Year (2014)
- Brown Chapel Leadership Award for Educational and Diversity Leadership (2014)
- Early Childhood Investment Corporation "Fierce Heart" Award (2013)
- White House "YMCA Champion for Change" award (2013)
- MAISA President's Distinguished Service Award for Early Childhood Advocacy (2011)

In Michigan, Dr. Menzel was a Rotary Club member in the communities in which he served, including a term as president of the Ypsilanti Rotary Club. He has been married to his wife, Tammy, for 28 years. They have two grown daughters.