



Superintendent Reid Newey reacts to a comment during a recent Board of Education meeting. Newey took the reins as the head of the Davis School District on Dec. 1, 2016.

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## Get to know DSD's new superintendent

**S**uperintendent Reid Newey was appointed by the Board of Education of the Davis School District on Nov. 1, 2016. He took office Dec. 1, replacing Dr. W. Bryan Bowles.

Community Relations staff posed a few questions to the new superintendent and these were his responses:

• **What would you like Davis School District teachers to know about the type of superintendent you'll be?**

Our 6,000 plus employees are the key to our success and they need the support and resources to continue to make Davis School District great.

While education, being a tax-supported service, is not a profession as highly paid as some, we want our employees to feel good about coming to work each day.

We want them to continue to feel motivated to provide a world-class edu-

cation for children with each person doing their part. I want all employees to see me as approachable and on the same team with the same goals as they have.

• **What would you like the Davis County community to know about the type of superintendent you'll be?**

I'll work every day to make sure their children are safe, supported, engaged, challenged and have the opportunity to succeed at whatever they choose to pursue in the educational process.

• **What will your top priorities be as superintendent?**

My top priorities include:

1. Providing the BEST whole child education in the nation. The district is not a local leader, but a national leader in the education of children. We need to continue to live up to that challenge and to achieve in every facet of a child's education.

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### Take note:



• **NOW HIRING:** Be a hero to kids! The district is hiring bus

drivers, custodians, cooks and warehouse drivers. Apply at [dsdjobs.net](http://dsdjobs.net) or call 801-402-HIRE for more information.

• **SAVE THE DATE:** The Davis Education Foundation Annual Spring Gala is April 20. "Get in the Game" and help raise money for classroom grants. Call Kristen Buchi at 801-402-4483 for details or go to the Foundation's webpage at [daviseducationfoundation.org](http://daviseducationfoundation.org).



• **PRESIDENT'S DAY:** All schools and district offices are closed Feb. 20 in observance of the holiday. Enjoy the long weekend.

## Many receive national and state recognitions

It may seem a bit like tooting one's own horn, but schools and people in the Davis School District are doing great things. Here are just a few recent national and state honors:

- **Odyssey, Parkside and West Point** elementary schools are the first in the state to receive the Let's Move! Active Schools National Award.

- The Utah Science Teachers Association honored the sixth-grade team of Alicia Madsen, Valerie Boyles, Ji Pingli and Jennifer Dimon at **Stewart Elementary** with the 2017 Elementary Science Department of the Year Award.

- Stephanie Skiba, a school psychology intern at **Sunset Elementary**, won the Utah Association of School Psychologists Student of the Year.

- Christine Wolf, band director at **Central Davis Junior High**, was named one of "50 Directors That Make a Difference" by the national publication School Band and Orchestra magazine.

- Lorill Solomon, a **Davis School District** school nurse, received the Utah School Nurse Association's highest honor by being named the Utah School Nurse of the Year for 2016.

- **Northridge High's** Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps received the highest rating "Exceeds Standards" in a national evaluation.

- **West Bountiful and Creekside** elementary schools took first and second respectively in the state Stock Market Game tournament. Legacy Junior took third.



Mallory Whitaker recites her winning speech during a Board of Education meeting.

## District recognizes speech winners in Martin Luther King, Jr., contest

Students took the opportunity to reflect on the legacy of Dr. King and use his words to inspire them during the Martin Luther King, Jr., speech contest.

Schools sent their best to the final district round. Sixty-two students competed at the top level. The first-place winners and the speech from which they chose a passage are as follows:

K-2: Coleman Hall – 2nd Grade – Mountain View Elementary – "I Have a Dream"

3-4: Lanna Mi – 4th Grade –

Heritage Elementary – "I Have a Dream"

5-6: Mallory Whitaker – 5th Grade – Mountain View Elementary – "The Martyred Children"

Junior High: Logan Stats – 9th Grade – Centennial Junior High – "The Birth of a New Nation"

High School: Nathan Mills – 10th Grade – Woods Cross High School – "Quest for Justice"

A complete listing of winners and videos are available at [davis.k12.ut.us](http://davis.k12.ut.us).

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2. Providing all children the chance to be prepared for success in the 21st Century job market. We can do this by ensuring that we, as educators, deliver our educational process in a progressive way that challenges a child's natural creativity and learning

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#### • What is the most important issue facing education today?

Recruiting, training and retaining a world-class educational staff.

#### What impresses you most about the Davis School District?

The excellent quality of Davis School District's staff and students.

The level of professionalism and genuine caring of every staff member in this district is extraordinary. The children we serve are such great young people. They make the educational profession a great place to work.

#### Why did you choose to get into education?

I love people and believe in the

power of education to dramatically alter, for the better, a person's life course.

#### What should we know about you as a person?

I love my family, country and classic rock music and can't wait to get to work every single morning! I love to be in the halls of our schools when class breaks to "feel the energy" of our youth and interact with children on their level.

I am seldom satisfied with my performance from the day before and always try to do better the next day, and expect the same from everyone in the system.