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Pardeeville Area School District Announces Finalists for New Superintendent

The Pardeeville Area School District announced the names of the three finalists for their superintendent opening today. The finalists, which were selected from an original field of 14 qualified individuals, include one internal candidate.

The finalists are:

1. Mark Gruen, Superintendent for the Royall School District.
2. Jason LeMay, High School Principal for the Pardeeville Area School District.
3. Robert Smudde, Director of Pupil Services for the Dodgeville Area School District.

Mr. Gruen has a 29 year background in education, serving as a classroom teacher, activities director, elementary principal, middle-high school principal and district administrator. His district administrator experience was in Eleva-Strum (Wisconsin) from 2008-2010 and since then has served the Royall School District (Wisconsin) as their district administrator.

Mr. LeMay has worked in education since 2004. He was a high school English teacher in Colby, Wisconsin, high school principal and athletic director in Pardeeville and then Altoona, Wisconsin. He returned to Pardeeville to serve as high school principal in 2019.

Mr. Smudde began his education career as a school psychologist for the Milwaukee Public Schools in 2001. He followed with experiences as a school psychologist in Janesville, Wisconsin, the PK-12 principal and director of special education in Ithaca, Wisconsin, superintendent at Ithaca, superintendent in Prairie du Chien and most recently serves as the director of pupil services in Dodgeville, WI.

The School Board plans to conduct final interviews on January 19, 2021.