



Madison, IN: Pennington joins MCS as Grants & Compliance role



Shaun Pennington has joined the district as the Grants and Compliance Specialist. In his role, Shaun will be responsible for the oversight and management of all district grant funding, assist with the facilitation of school and district-level professional development opportunities, assist building principals with the supervision of grant-funded personnel, collaborate on data meetings and best practice instruction, and maintain a working knowledge of all current and changing aspects of state and federally required compliance.

“Shaun brings a great deal of experience to our district in this very specific and crucial position,” shared Janet McCreary, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for the district. “A great deal of our funding is grant-related and there are very specific requirements around each individual grant. To have someone who

specializes in this area is a great asset to our district. In addition, to have someone able to help focus on identifying, targeting, and implementing professional development for our staff, which will have a direct impact on our students, is a huge move forward for our district.”

Pennington brings experience from Perry Township Schools where he served as a teacher for one of the highest performing Indiana schools, Ivy Tech Community College where he was contracted as the Project Director for K-14 Initiatives for all 19 campuses, Borden-Henryville School Corporation where he served as a Principal, and the Indiana Department of Education where he first served as a Federal Grants Specialist and then returned as the Assistant Director of Student Supports and Accessibility. During his tenure at the Indiana Department of Education, Pennington also served as the Director of the Federal Programs Advisory Board for the State of Indiana and served on the childhood trauma subcommittee for Governor Eric Holcomb’s Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana. In all of these roles, he has developed a precise skill set that he could bring home to Madison. “I’m very thankful and appreciative of the opportunity that Mrs. McCreary, Dr. Brown, and the Board of Trustees have granted me to return home to serve the Madison community,” Pennington shared. “My family has served MCS for four generations and as a proud Cub alum from the MCHS Class of 2008, it’s an honor to be able to return to a district on the move, with an incredible staff who cares deeply for all students, and to help build programs through responsible stewardship of the grant funding we receive is a wonderful opportunity. I have zero doubt that under the leadership of Dr. Brown, and Mrs. McCreary that we will quickly become one of the premiere school corporations in the state of Indiana”

“It is a wonderful thing to see these young professionals returning home with their families to work in the district that raised them,” commented Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown. “We have made several hires lately where they are proud alumni returning to Madison to share their gifts.”

Pennington holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Franklin College where he played baseball for the Grizzlies, a Master of Education degree from Butler University where he majored in Effective Teaching and Leadership while minoring in International Education, and a Certificate of Completion in Education Administration from the University of Indianapolis. Pennington is also a Certified Master Trainer with ACE Interface and the Indiana ACES Coalition.