



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Valley R-6 School District Names Jason Samples as New Superintendent for the 2022-2023 School Year**

The Valley R-6 Board of Education has approved Jason Samples as Superintendent of Schools for the 2022-2023 school year on a 7-0 vote. He will be replacing Dr. Michael Silvy, who has taken a position with Bismarck R-5 Schools, after serving 11 total years with Valley R-6.

Mr. Samples has been serving as the Assistant Superintendent of the North St. Francois County R-1 School District in Bonne Terre & Desloge for the past three years. During Mr. Samples' 26-year educational career, he served eight years as an English and P.E. teacher and 11 years as a building level administrator.

Mr. Samples earned his Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from Missouri Baptist University. He holds a Master of Science in Educational Administration Degree from Southwest Baptist University, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree from Southwest Missouri State University.

Board President Blake Yount believes that, "Jason brings a wealth of experience in education, coaching, administrative duties, and leadership skills to the district. He is a down to earth kind of guy that will be a perfect fit for the Valley School District and community. We are excited to have him."

Board Secretary Steve Jones states, "Mr. Samples will be a wonderful leader for our district! His set of core values align perfectly with our school philosophy, and we feel that he couldn't be a better fit for our next Superintendent. I'm looking forward to working with him for many years to come as we continue to make Valley R-6 a better district for our students, staff and community."

Jason Samples had this to say, "I am honored by the opportunity to serve as the Superintendent of Valley R-6. I have always had the upmost respect for the staff and students of Valley. This is a wonderful area with a rich history, and I am drawn to the pride the community has in the school. I am excited to lead the district moving forward to continue to do what is best for our students."

Mr. Samples has been married to his wife, Nicole Marie Samples, who is also a teacher, since 2000. They have two sons: Joseph and Joshua. He will begin his duties at Valley on July 1, 2022.