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HARVARD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 50 ANNOUNCES NEW SUPERINTENDENT

HARVARD, ILLINOIS – The Harvard Community Unit School District 50 Board of Education voted to approve a contract naming Dr. Corey Tafoya as its next superintendent, at a board meeting, Monday, Dec. 19th.

The decision comes after months of surveys, focus groups, and interviews by the Harvard School District #50 Board of Education and a Confidential Community Committee consisting of administrators, teachers, retired teachers, community leaders, and parents.

“Dr. Tafoya stood out among a group of well-qualified candidates interviewed by the Board. We were impressed with his enthusiasm, vision, and ability to speak to all families in Harvard as an experienced bilingual leader. We are excited about the future of the Harvard Schools and look forward to welcoming Corey to the district,” said Richard Stoxen, School Board President.

Tafoya worked in McHenry County as Assistant Superintendent in Crystal Lake Community High School District 155 and served as a high school principal in Woodstock School District 200. He has been a McHenry County resident for the past 12 years. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree from Wartburg College and his Master of Arts in Education, Advanced Study in Educational Administration, and Doctoral Degree from the University of Northern Iowa. Tafoya began his teaching career in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as a high school Spanish teacher and coach before moving into school leadership in Cedar Rapids.

Tafoya signed a 3-year contract with a starting salary of \$175,000. Tafoya will replace Dr. Lauri Tobias who is retiring on June 30, 2017 after 15 years of service to the Harvard CUSD #50.

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About Harvard Community Unit School District 50

Harvard Community Unit School District 50 proudly serves the children of the greater Harvard area. Our schools serve more than 2,500 students ranging from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade.

The school district is made up of five facilities for students plus an additional building for district administration.