

Dr. Tonya Olson



Dr. Tonya Olson is currently serving as the Superintendent of the Lake Mills Area School District, a district of 1600 students halfway between Milwaukee and Madison in Wisconsin. Dr. Olson has thirty years of professional experience in education, having served as superintendent for nine of those years. Previously, Dr. Olson served as an elementary principal, language arts coordinator, interventionist, and elementary teacher. Dr. Olson completed her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Edgewood College in Madison and her Master's Degree from Concordia University.

During her tenure as superintendent, Olson opened Wisconsin's first 4K-8th grade agricultural-based charter school, helped create a community-based non-profit organization called REACH that helped connect families in need to community resources, and led a successful \$36 million referendum campaign to improve facilities and address aging infrastructure in her previous district.

Olson has a strong commitment to instructional leadership. She was recognized as the Wisconsin State Reading Association's Outstanding Administrator of the Year in 2014. She advocates for continuous school improvement by building partnerships between the school district and area businesses and strongly believes in being an integral and visible part of the community.

Dr. Tonya Olson is married with two grown children and four grandchildren.