

Illini West High School District #307

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PRESS RELEASE

Illini West is pleased and very excited to announce the employment of Jay Harnack as our next superintendent! Mr Harnack is a top quality, award winning educator with 18 years of experience as a superintendent. We look forward to his guidance and expertise leading Illini West into the future.

Jay Harnack

harnack.jay@illiniwest.org (will be functional in a couple of days.)

Married (to Sam)

2 children

2 dogs

Current residence is Pinedale, WY

Currently Superintendent of Sublet County School District, Pinedale, WY (the past 11 years).

Prior to Sublet, Mr Harnack was a Superintendent at two public school districts in Illinois (Blue Ridge, Farmer City and North Clay, Louisville).

Jay's educational career began as a teacher and coach at Effingham High School.

Education:

- +BS Botany, Eastern Illinois University
- +MS Botany, EIU
- +Teacher Certification, EIU
- +MS Educational Leadership, EIU
- +Ed S Educational Leadership, EIU
- +Doctoral Studies, University of Wyoming

Professional Services:

- + Past President of Wyoming Association of School Administrators
- + District Representative - Wyoming Department of Education - District Assessment Task Force
- + Lead Evaluator - Wyoming Department of Education Accreditation Team
- + University of Wyoming Trustees Teachers Education Initiative - Governing Board Member
- + Executive Council - Wyoming Association of School Administrators
- + President - Southwest Wyoming Association of School Administrators
- + Wyoming School District Coalition for an External Cost Adjustment - founding Member
- + Wyoming CTE Standards Review Committee
- + Wyoming School-University Partnership
- + Chairman Bloomington Illinois Area Superintendents Roundtable

Awards and Recognitions:

- + Pinedale High School - Exceeds Rating - Wyoming Accountability Model (2013, 2015, 2016, 2019)
- + Pinedale High School - US News & World Report's Best High Schools of 2019, 2020
- + Pinedale Elementary School - Exceeds Rating - Wyoming Accountability Model (2015, 2016)
- + Finalist - Wyoming Superintendent of the Year (2017)
- + Dr. Myron Basom Educational Leadership Award - Wyoming Association of School Administrators (2013)
- + Blue Ridge High School - US News & World Report's Best High Schools of 2010
- + Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Administrator Program 2002

Community Service:

- + Board Member - White Pine Ski Resort Foundation, Pinedale, Wyoming 2016–2018
- + Board Member - Rendezvous Point Senior Center, Pinedale, WY 2012-2016
- + Vestry Board Member - Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Pinedale, WY 2012-2014
- + Mid-Illinois United Way - DeWitt County Advisory Board - Farmer City Illinois 2006-2010
- + Sunshine Center - Volunteer (Clothes Closet and Food Pantry) Farmer City, Illinois 2008-2010
- + Louisville Rotary Club, Louisville, Illinois 2003-2005
- + Ramsey Lions Club, Ramsey, Illinois 2000-2003
- + Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department - Firefighter, EMS (First Responder), Grant Writer 2000-2003