



Kevin Lancaster, Bliss School District

Kevin Lancaster is a distinguished leader and advocate whose career has profoundly impacted small school communities throughout Idaho. Graduating from Wendell High School in 1977, Kevin's commitment to education and sports began with his higher education at Rick's College and Idaho State University. His career, spanning over three decades, is marked by unwavering dedication to fostering growth and excellence in small school environments.

Kevin's journey in education commenced in 1990 at Wendell Elementary School, where he served as a 6th-grade teacher. His passion for educational leadership soon became apparent when he transitioned to the Bliss School District, initially taking on the roles of a part-time teacher and principal. In 1996, Kevin was appointed as the Superintendent of Bliss School District, a role he embraced with remarkable dedication for the entirety of his career. His thirty years at Bliss reflect a deep commitment to the community and an unwavering focus on the well-being and advancement of his students.

Beyond his administrative roles, Kevin made significant contributions to athletics. At Wendell High School, he took on coaching responsibilities, assisting both the girls' basketball and golf teams. His influence extended beyond the classroom and field, demonstrating a profound understanding of the vital role sports play in the fabric of small communities.

Kevin's service to the broader educational and athletic community is equally noteworthy. From 2007 to 2015, he served on the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) Board of Directors, including a term as president during the 2010-11 school year. His leadership was further exemplified through his fifteen years on the 4th District Board of Control, where he served as president for three years. These roles highlighted his commitment to enhancing and advocating for high school sports and activities statewide.

The pinnacle of Kevin's career came in 2020 when he was honored as Idaho's Superintendent of the Year. This accolade is a testament to his exceptional leadership, dedication, and impact on the education system, particularly within small school districts.

Kevin Lancaster's career is a testament to his passion for education and sports, his unwavering support for small school communities, and his influential leadership. His legacy is one of dedication, advocacy, and an enduring commitment to the values that make high school sports a cornerstone of community life.