

EXCLUSIVE: Former Controversial Mequon Schools Chief, Recently Fired In Georgia, Is Leading Candidate To Take Wauwatosa Schools Job
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If you think there's been a lot of controversy recently over Wauwatosa schools, you haven't seen anything yet. Dr. Demond Means, the former superintendent in the Mequon-Thiensville district, whose tenure there was marked by repeated controversies over his reform initiatives, appears to be the leading candidate to succeed the retiring Phil Ertl in Wauwatosa.

Means was fired as schools superintendent in Athens, Georgia last year after a brief two and a half year tenure that was marked by repeated controversies. The school board there agreed to a separation agreement and a buyout of Means' contract.

You can read about Means' stormy tenure in Athens, a liberal college town that is home to the University of Georgia, here:

<https://flagpole.com/news/city-dope/2020/07/29/what-went-wrong-during-the-demond-means-era/>

When Means was at Mequon-Thiensville he was one of the highest paid school administrators in the state. If he gets the Wauwatosa job, he will move to a school district staring at years of fiscal problems created by passage of a massive referendum at the same time the district is seeing declining enrollment. Many Wauwatosa schools were either closed or in hybrid mode for much of the past year.

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