

Joshua Weaver is a 1999 graduate of Freedom Area High School where he participated in Track and Field and lettered as a Javelin thrower. He participated in the Powerlifting Club and graduated as class Valedictorian.

Joshua attended Slippery Rock University and graduated in 2003 with his BA in Physics, earned his M.Ed. in 2004 and completed the Principal Program in 2007. While at SRU, he participated in intramural athletics and was named SRU Physics Student of the Year. In 2010, Joshua completed the Superintendent Program at Westminster College and completed his Doctorate in Educational Leadership in 2015 at the Capella University.

Joshua started his teaching career at Seneca Valley as a physics teacher and moved onto the Hampton Township School District to continue teaching physics. After 5 years in the classroom, the

Hopewell School District hired him as Assistant High School Principal. He worked there for one year prior to becoming high school Principal of Springdale Jr-Sr High School where he spent 3 years before moving on to the Kiski Area School District. While there, he worked in the Central Office for one year as they completed a renovation, addition, and school building merger plan for all students in grade 5 and 6. Joshua went on to be the building Principal of Kiski Area Upper Elementary for 3 years. Near the end of his 3<sup>rd</sup> year, he moved into the role of Assistant Superintendent for the Grove City Area School District. He has served in this role for 5 years and also serves as an adjunct professor at Grove City College.

Weaver commented, "I liked the personalized attention and opportunity to build great relationships with my teachers at Freedom and something I valued greatly then and continue to value now. Freedom is a perfect size for students and staff. It is large enough to offer a great deal of opportunity to students but small enough to afford the chance to build quality relationships which have a long-term impact on students and ultimately the community." He has many great memories and long-standing friendships with fellow classmates and teachers from his time as a student at Freedom. Those friendships have meant the world to him throughout his adult life.

Joshua feels that parents who enroll their children at Freedom are setting themselves up for a high-quality education and extra-curricular experience. The District is large enough to lend itself to offering students multiple opportunities while small enough for students to participate in those activities. Couple that with a tight-knit community of teachers and coaches who go above and beyond to build relationships with students and you have a recipe for a successful experience.