

New SEDC Director

The Southwest Educational Development Center (SEDC) is one of four Regional Service Centers in the state of Utah. There are six school districts that make up the SEDC region, which include Millard, Beaver, Iron, Washington, Garfield and Kane School Districts. The purpose of SEDC is to assist school districts in providing equitable and cost-effective services to students in rural Utah. It was created to save school district money by pooling purchases and services together to leverage a larger economy of scale for smaller districts. SEDC currently provides specialized technical assistance, teacher professional development, endorsement courses, and digital libraries for students. They also organize the Sterling Scholar program for the six districts. The six superintendents from the SEDC make up the executive board of directors.

Recently, SEDC advertised for a new service director to lead the daily operations of the southwest region. After an extensive search and interview process, the board of directors selected Joe B. Wright as the new director of SEDC, beginning on July 1. Joe B. Wright is currently serving in the Fredonia-Moccasin Unified School District as the superintendent. In the past he has served as principal, has taught middle school and acted as the district's Special Education Director. He also taught, coached, and was the Athletic Director at Fredonia High School. Mr. Wright holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science Education from Southern Utah University, and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. He also earned a second Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Northcentral University. In addition, Mr. Wright began his high school officiating career while at SUU, which he continues today on the basketball courts and football fields of southern Utah. He has done his best to give back to the community of Kanab, where he was raised. Mr. Wright has served multiple terms on the Kanab City Planning Commission, Kane County Water Conservancy District, and the Kanab City Council. Mr. Wright is married to Staci and they have four children.

SEDC and its Executive Board welcomes Mr. Wright and looks forward to working with him.

Ben Dalton
Superintendent
Kane School District