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### **Biographical Information**

Mrs. Katzenberger grew up in Mt. Carroll, IL. After graduating from Mount Carroll High School in 1989, Mrs. Katzenberger attended Illinois State University and graduated in May of 1993 with a Bachelor's degree in Education with a major in Health Education and a minor in Biology Education. At ISU, Ms. Katzenberger served as the President of Eta Sigma Gamma Health Science Honorary Society and served as an undergraduate teaching assistant. Mrs. Katzenberger then continued her education by completing her second Bachelor's degree in August of 1993 from Illinois State University in Community Health Education and received the Distinguished Service Student of the Year at Illinois State University. She then served her summer internship at Community General Hospital in Sterling, IL by working with the community in preventive health care.

In August of 1993, Mrs. Katzenberger started teaching 7th grade science at Freeport Jr. High School in Freeport, IL. During her tenure at Freeport School District #145, Mrs. Katzenberger taught students of varying abilities in science and English Language Arts, including the High Academic Potential Program (HAPP) and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). She also served as a member of the K-12 district-wide health curriculum, student council advisor, basketball cheerleading coach, and assistant play director at Freeport Jr. High.

In August of 2000, Mrs. Katzenberger earned her Master of Science in Education degree in Educational Psychology from Northern Illinois University. She then began teaching graduate and undergraduate classes at Northern Illinois University in the Department of Leadership, Educational Psychology, and Educational Foundations for elementary and secondary educators. In August of 2004, Mrs. Katzenberger earned her second Master's Degree in Educational Administration and began NIU doctoral work at the Illinois Math and Science Academy in Aurora, IL. In 2007, Mrs. Katzenberger presented her team's published research at the American Education Research Association (AERA) in Chicago, IL on "*Self-Determination and Middle School Students' Perceptions of Teaching Practices in Problem-Based Learning.*"

Beginning on July 1, 2006, Julie began her administrative career at West Carroll High School in Savanna, IL as an assistant principal. Her primary responsibilities included curriculum alignment and discipline. In 2008, Mrs. Katzenberger returned to her hometown and became the principal at West Carroll Middle School where she currently oversees the building operations and is the instructional leader. In 2010, Julie was named the Illinois Principals Association Middle School Principal of the Year for the Northwest Region. Julie is certified as an ISBE Gifted Trainer and has served as the co-curriculum director for the K-12 gifted education curriculum at the Regional Office of Education #8.

In May 2016, Mrs. Katzenberger completed her Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree at Western Illinois University in the Quad Cities. Mrs. Katzenberger obtained her Illinois State Board of Education Superintendent License and completed all three of her graduate degrees with a 4.0/4.0 G.P.A. Her future plans include completing a Ph.D. in Education and publishing research in the education field. Currently, Mrs. Katzenberger serves as the Superintendent of the West Carroll C.U.S.D. #314. She carries with her a lot of thunder school pride and believes every child will succeed. As a district, Julie supports the vision of being student-centered and community supported.

Committed to the community and to the school district, Julie served as the Mt. Carroll Rotary Club President-Elect for the 2017-2018 year and continues to serve as a Rotarian. Mrs. Katzenberger also served as an executive board member for the Illinois Principals Association from 2008-2018. On the IPA Northwest Executive Board, Julie served as a secretary, membership chair, and legislative chair. Beginning in 2018, Julie became a member of the Illinois Association of School Superintendents (IASA) and currently serves on the Carroll County Preschool Board, Career Technical Education Board, and the Northwest Special Education Cooperative Board.

Julie and her husband, Aaron, were married in Savanna, IL in 1995 and have been married for twenty-three years. They have three children, Mariah (21), Brady (18), and Marissa (15). The Katzenberger family thoroughly enjoys traveling to watch Mariah play on the Division I Women's Soccer Team at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay as well as cheering on Brady and Marissa in their extra-curricular activities (basketball, soccer, showing Hereford cattle, and playing the violin). Mrs. Katzenberger also enjoys reading, swimming, playing with Wrigley (chocolate lab), and spending time outdoors in her free time.



The Katzenberger Family

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