

Gregg G. Mowen, Ed.D.

Principal

Mudge Elementary School – Fort Knox, Kentucky

From the beginning of his career in education in 1982, Dr. Mowen rose quickly to positions of school leadership and became superintendent at age 33. His academic



preparation includes BA and MA degrees from Michigan State University, an SPA from Eastern Michigan University, and an Ed.D. in educational leadership from Western Michigan University.

Dr. Mowen believes that schools should be places where children want to be and parents feel comfortable and included. In order for this to occur our instructional programs must be energetic, inviting, and student centered. Extra curricular programs are vital to a well rounded education and must include a wide variety of options so that there is something for everyone.

Dr. Mowen was selected for his first position as superintendent in 1993. Accepting appointments in 3 increasingly larger districts, Dr. Mowen headed the Instruction and Instructional Support Division of the Grand Rapids Public Schools, Michigan's second largest school district with 30,000 students and over 60 schools. There he organized and led a team of 20 curriculum specialists in creating Grand Rapids first standards based curriculum, aligned with state requirements and called "Curriculum 2000". Believing strongly in professional development and continuous improvement, Dr. Mowen and his team held several weeks of teacher training in Curriculum 2000. This curriculum, along with Instructional Target Units, brought about stronger student performance within 12 months.



On July 27, 2001, Dr. Mowen began his work with the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) and the Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS). Always focused upon

eliminating the achievement gap between majority and minority students, Dr. Mowen was drawn to DoDEA by the consistent high academic achievement displayed by all students. Before taking the helm at Mudge Elementary School, he served DoDEA as principal of Faith Middle School in Fort Benning, Georgia and as assistant superintendent of the DDESS – Puerto Rico and DoDDS – Cuba Schools.

Some highlights of Dr. Mowen's career over the years include:

- Decorated with the Commander's Award For Public Service on October 19, 2007 by COL Edwin C. Domingo, Commander, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico;
- Assisted with the closure of the DDESS schools at Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, 2004;
- Developed the Instructional Targeting and Target Time Theme Programs in use at Mudge Elementary School and resulted in student achievement gains at Ramey Unit School in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico 2007;
- Achieved passage of a voted bond issue to build and refurbish schools in Climax-Scotts Community Schools;
- Spearheaded the effort to gain K-12 North Central Accreditation status for all schools in Reed City Area Public Schools. This was achieved in the 1994-1995 school year;
- Created and implemented a state recognized School-To-Work program;
- Served as member and elected chairperson of the Minority Affairs Committee of the American Association of School Administrators, 1999-2001;
- Negotiated and settled both professional and support contracts 8 times;
- Bargained and supervised a charter school contract (Core Knowledge Charter School);

Dr. Mowen's community and civic activities have been plentiful over the years. In addition to his Rotary Club membership, he has served on the City Planning Commission and as board member for the Osceola Community Foundation, Family Services and Children's Aid Council, Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids, and the Housing Board of Appeals. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Mason County Community Mental Health Foundation.

Author of over 14 published works in education, Dr. Mowen has made over 30 professional presentations across the country. He and his wife Carol have 4 sons and reside in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.