

Dr. Joshua Lightle – Superintendent of Schools – Eastside Union School District



As a native of the Midwest, Dr. Joshua Lightle was born and raised in Southern Ohio but is now a Californian at heart since his arrival in the summer of 2000. Josh chose a career in education and comes to Eastside Union with vast experience and knowledge, having successfully served as an elementary teacher for six years, an assistant principal for two years, an elementary school principal for seven years and most recently as an Associate Superintendent and Deputy Chief of Schools for the last four and a half years. In the role of Deputy Chief of Schools for Fontana Unified School District, Dr. Lightle supervised 24 of the 30 elementary schools.

Dr. Lightle is a recognized instructional leader who has worked collaboratively with site and district staff to develop effective systems to accelerate student learning. During the school year, it is not uncommon to see Dr. Lightle at school sites visiting classrooms, talking with elementary students or chatting with teachers and staff to learn how to best meet the needs of all students. He enjoys building relationships and connecting with all stakeholders who make a difference in the lives of students every day.

Dr. Lightle earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at West Liberty University in West Virginia, a master's degree in Educational Administration and doctorate degree in Leadership for Educational Justice both at the University of Redlands.

Dr. Lightle has a heart for serving in ministry at the church he has attended the last 17 years. He also values family and has been married to his wife Nancy for more than 16 years. They have three children Elisha (14), Mia (7), and Brielle (3). He is an avid sports fan who still cheers for his home state professional teams. In his spare time, Josh enjoys biking and hiking with his family.