



Dr. Keith Owen
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Dr. Keith Owen is the Superintendent of Schools for Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8, located in Fountain, Colorado. He heads the strategic and daily management of a district composed of over 1,000 staff and close to 9,000 students housed in 13 schools on the southern side of the Colorado Springs metropolitan area. Dr. Owen serves as the strategic point of contact between the school district and local partners like the Fort Carson army post installation and the City of Fountain. He has focused on building local partnerships and relationships. He has also put new safety systems and procedures in place in order to enhance and improve security measures throughout the district. In 2015, he was selected to represent Colorado superintendents at the national level on the governing board of the American Association of School Administrators and he continues to serve in this role.

At FFC8, Dr. Owen has initiated work on a new strategic plan as well as a comprehensive review of facilities. He places student growth at the front of every conversation and decision as the district moves forward and strives to meet the needs of every student in its diverse, military, and mobile population. He has led the strategic change in athletic alignment in the district, with the goal of creating a system that develops excellent student athletes from elementary through high school.

Prior to coming to FFC8, Dr. Owen was the Deputy Commissioner of Education for the Colorado Department of Education. He joined the Colorado Department of Education in July 2011. In this role, he oversaw the state's special education programs, federal programs including Title I, support for local schools and districts, improvement planning and state and federal accountability systems.

Dr. Owen came to the state department from Durango School District, where he served as the superintendent for three years. During his tenure in Durango, he is credited with



initiating a principal professional development program for all principals in the southwest portion of the state and leading a comprehensive community strategic plan that has resulted in many improvements to the school system.

Prior to being the superintendent in Durango, Dr. Owen served in a variety of leadership positions within the Pueblo City School District, including chief academic officer. He was named the National Distinguished Elementary Principal of the year in 2003 for the State of Colorado.