



Vince M. Bertram, 41, was appointed superintendent of the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation on May 12, 2007. He previously was an assistant superintendent for the Lafayette School Corporation in Lafayette, Indiana.

Immediately upon his arrival in Evansville, Dr. Bertram initiated a community conversation about the importance of education and ways to improve the public schools. Following over 250 forums and individual and group meetings he presented a strategic plan, characterized by the *Evansville Courier-Press* as “bold and sweeping,” that was unanimously adopted by the EVSC Board of School Trustees on March 17, 2008, and overwhelmingly (70.1% to 29.9%) approved by Vanderburgh County voters in a November 4, 2008, public referendum. The plan introduced five core focus areas to improve student achievement: Early Childhood Education; State-of-the-Art Technology; Professional Development; Innovative School Models; and Family, School, and Community Partnerships. It further outlined strategic initiatives to ensure equity and excellence for all children; improve efficiencies and effectiveness; and contribute to workforce development and economic growth in Vanderburgh County.

As a national, state, and local education leader, Dr. Bertram serves on the Indiana Education Roundtable, co-chairs the Indiana Youth Institute Mentoring Advisory Council, and in 2006, chaired the National Council for National Honor Society. He serves on several boards and advisory councils including the Southwest Indiana Chamber of Commerce; Institute for Global Enterprise in Indiana; Public Education Foundation; Leadership Evansville; Advance Illinois; Youth Resources; Junior Achievement; Boy Scouts; Evansville Diversity Lecture Series; Children’s Museum of Evansville; Evansville Education Roundtable; and the Indiana State School Music Association.

He holds doctorate, specialist, master, and bachelor degrees from Ball State University, and a master’s degree in education policy and management from Harvard University. He also is an alumnus of the Chicago Management Institute at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, and the National Urban School Leader’s Institute at Harvard.

Throughout his career, he has received several commendations including the *Community Collaboration Award* from Leadership Evansville (2009), and the *Community Leadership Award* from the City-County Human Relations Commission (2008). In 2007, his Harvard peers and faculty members honored him with the *Intellectual Contributions/Faculty Tribute Award* recognizing his dedication to scholarship and contributions to the intellectual life at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. In 2003, he was Indiana’s high school principal of the year for district IV.

Vince and his wife Jill (BS in Accounting - Indiana Wesleyan University), have four sons: Josh, a student at Purdue University; and Ryan, Drew, and Riley whom attend schools in the EVSC.