

Dr. Tighe came to Saddle Mountain Unified School District as the Superintendent in 2016, after serving as the Superintendent of the Mingus Union High School District in Cottonwood, AZ, for three years. Prior to that, Dr. Tighe served as the Assistant Superintendent of the Littleton Elementary School District in Avondale, AZ, for five years. He served the Dysart Unified School District, in Surprise, AZ, as a K-8 principal for seven years, including leading Kingwood Elementary School before opening a new school, Western Peaks. Before moving to Arizona, Dr. Tighe was a K-8 principal in Orange, Vermont. Dr. Tighe taught middle and high school math and technology in Vergennes, Vermont.

Dr. Tighe received his undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Vermont. He earned a doctoral degree in Educational Administration and Supervision at Arizona State University in 2007.

Dr. Tighe received the Arizona School Administrators Outstanding Doctoral Student Award. In 1997, Dr. Tighe was recognized as the Teacher of the Year at Vergennes Union High School and received the Outstanding Vermont Teacher Award.

Dr. Tighe serves as an adjunct professor for Wayland Baptist University at its Luke Air Force Base campus, teaching courses in educator preparation and leadership, and previously taught online classes for the University of Phoenix.