

**ALTON** Community  
Unit School  
District #11



**Kenneth Spells**  
Assistant  
Superintendent

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Kenneth Spells is the Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services for the Alton Community Unit School District. Kenneth was born in Chester, Pennsylvania and raised in Bladen County, North Carolina. He received his undergraduate degree from Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and earned his Masters and Specialist degree with superintendent's endorsement from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois.

Kenneth is a proud American, and is a veteran of the United States Navy, having served aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt. He is a member

of the American Legion Post 2910, American Veterans, and Disabled Veterans of America.

Kenneth has experience at all levels. He has been a middle and high school teacher, middle school assistant principal at East Middle School in Alton, and elementary principal at Lincoln Elementary in Jacksonville, Illinois. In addition, he has taught high school social studies and coached basketball. His basketball teams won a state championship and 3 region titles. Kenneth has won several awards for coaching. He was named "Coach of the Year" and received the Superintendent's Award for coaching.

During his first year as Assistant Superintendent, he started a district level Parent Advisory Council to keep parents informed of district projects and programs. The Parent Advisory Council gives the parents an opportunity to share their ideas and concerns. He has organized an African American Achievement Committee to take a comprehensive look at the achievement gap and ways to address it. His ultimate career goal is to be the superintendent of Alton Community Unit School District 11.

Kenneth believes that education is the key for a successful life. He wants to ensure that all students receive a quality education and become productive citizens. Kenneth is committed to his country and community and serves on several local civic organizations, and currently serves as vice-chair for the 100 Black Men of Alton Board of Directors.