



Director Greg Carter

I am a middle child that was raised up in the outskirts of Boise, Idaho and graduated From Borah High School in the 90's. I was a solid "C" student mostly because I didn't apply myself and didn't have a mentor or counselor at the school that grabbed me by the collar and pushed me into my current profession. More on that in a minute....I have been blessed with an amazing wife that supports most of my crazy ideas and 2 beautiful daughters that have allowed me to never have to fully grow up. My oldest daughter is just finishing her junior year of college at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho. I attribute a big part of the success she has found in higher education to the educators here at RCCS. Our younger daughter, a sophomore

at RCCS, is trying her best at online school and really misses her teachers, friends, and sports. We have been in Reedsport for 15 years this April and I am employed by Central Lincoln PUD. I spent 10 years of that on our Line Crew and have been the Operations Supervisor for the Reedsport area for the past 5 years. I love my job and I love my community.

It was a long road to get here and in hindsight don't know that I could've picked a better path to get to where we are. After high school I dabbled in college and odd jobs here and there. I tried construction, framing, drywall, and worked at a home for Developmentally Delayed youth. It wasn't until I met my wife and I was holding our first daughter that I became serious about doing anything. I enrolled in SWOCC and began working towards a transfer degree when we decided to move back to Idaho for more opportunities and to attend school there. It was a chance conversation with the husband of an old high school friend that I fell into Electrical Linework. I earned a technical certificate in Electrical Linework from Boise State University in the Spring of 2002. I applied to many apprenticeships and was finally given the chance with Mountain States Line Construction Apprenticeship Training. We spent our first year in Salt Lake City followed by stops in many parts of Colorado, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, and an ice storm in South Dakota. Overall I think we counted some 17 moves in 3.5 years and our youngest daughter was born in Pueblo, Colorado and moved to Casper, WY at 2 weeks old. This trade has changed my life and afforded my family opportunities that I could have only dreamed of.

Linework isn't for everyone but it is a big part of my story. As I mentioned above my oldest daughter was prepared and is succeeding in college because the educators here at RCCS were able to share that story and dream with her. I didn't have that skill set to teach her calculus, grammar, and punctuation, but there are those at RCCS that did. There are many paths to success and it looks different for everyone.

I joined the RSD School Board 4 years ago in hopes of giving back to a community that has accepted my family and made this sleepy little town a home. It is my hope to provide opportunities for all of our students to find and recognize their own story of success, whatever that looks like to them. It is also my hope to encourage our community to come together and rally around these schools, our future depends on those kids in those halls. We need more people actively participating in the education of our kids. Please get involved in any way you can and together we can do some big things for our kids in 2021.....more to come.