

## **Matthew Patterson – Middle Level Principal of the Year**

### **Mountain View Junior High School – Weber School District**

Matthew Patterson has enjoyed every minute of his 22 years in education, holding roles such as Science Teacher, Assistant Principal, Curriculum Specialist, and Principal for the past seven years. Most recently it has been his honor and privilege to open the brand-new Mountain View Jr High in West Haven, Utah. Go Mavericks! Known for his “intentional” leadership, Matthew is deeply passionate about nurturing and supporting students and staff and finds joy in seeing their success. This is driven by his belief that every person deserves a name, a face, a voice, and a purpose. At the heart of his leadership lies an unwavering belief in the power of relationships. He tirelessly connects with students, and staff, fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment, creating a shared commitment to student success. Against the popular belief of the students, Matthew does go home each night where his family and faith are his pillars. Matthew and his family find joy in exploring new places through traveling the world, exploring the great outdoors, eating good food, and seeking the adrenaline rush, especially on skis or mountain bikes. These experiences with his family recharge the batteries to tackle the never-boring adventure of Junior High!