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JAKE DINGMAN, interim superintendent at Clear Creek Schools, says community involvement is key. "Part of my job is working with the community members, whether it's businesses or parents or just people interested in being part of the school system."

Jake Dingman, interim schools superintendent, keeps it all in the family

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Clear Creek County schools are a family tradition for Jake Dingman. His grandfather taught at Idaho Springs High School for 35 years, and though he and his sister were the only family members not to attend Clear Creek High School, Dingman taught American history at Clear Creek Middle School from 2002-2004.

After taking the 2004-'05 school year to teach in Jefferson County, Dingman returned the next year as the CCMS principal.

"In Clear Creek we offer the small community atmosphere in our schools, which means small class sizes, great relationships between teachers and students, as well as offering tremendously strong academic and extracurricular activities," Dingman said.

"Our schools all perform at

or above the state average on the CSAP, and additionally we offer sports at the middle school level, which Jeffco does not, and we have quality club and athletic programming at the secondary levels. Here in CCSD we know one another; it is a true school community."

Last April Dingman was appointed interim superintendent when Doug Price left for personal reasons. He hopes to continue in the position following the midyear search for a permanent superintendent.

"Part of my job is working with the community members, whether it's businesses or parents or just people interested in being part of the school system. Providing that link between the schools and board members, and how we can all be involved as a school community to support what goes on ... Ultimately everything we do is about the kids."