

Wrangell Public Schools

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Wrangell, Alaska: The Board of Education for Wrangell Public Schools is pleased to announce their unanimous choice for a new Superintendent, William Burr, beginning July 1, 2021.

The Board wishes to express their sincere thanks to everyone who participated and supported the search for a new superintendent during these extraordinary times. The Board also greatly appreciates the public involvement in the search process.

On March 5, the Board interviewed each of the three candidates for 75 minutes in executive session. The Board then met in executive session on March 6th to compare and contrast the results of the interviews, the candidate's applications, public input, and references. Upon conclusion of the candidate review process, the Board took formal action in open session and unanimously supported the appointment of William Burr. The Board and Mr. Burr have agreed to a 3-year contract and a starting salary of \$112,000 per year, increasing to \$116,000 upon successful completion of the superintendent endorsement.

William Burr's background includes a long history of working in Alaska. He has served as the Assistant Superintendent of the Delta Greely School District since 2014. Mr. Burr also served as the Director of Technology and as an itinerant Principal in the Delta Greely School District, as Director of Instructional Technology, Testing, and Curriculum in the Aleutians East Borough School District, and as a teacher in the Lower Yukon School District.

Upon his appointment, Mr. Burr had this to say: "I am incredibly excited to work with the Community of Wrangell and grateful for the trust that the School Board and Community have placed in me. I look forward to working together in partnership with our educational community."

Mr. Burr will be working with current superintendent Dr. Debbe Lancaster to arrange for an opportunity for the two of them to work together on the transition to new district leadership

The new superintendent is expected to start on or before July 1, 2021.

