

Wrangell Public Schools

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Wrangell, Alaska: The Wrangell Public Schools Board of Education is pleased to announce that four individuals have accepted invitations to interview as finalists in the search for a new superintendent. Due to the Covid-19 mitigation measures, the Board will interview the finalists via teleconference on March 5, 2021. A Community Forum to allow students, parents, teachers, and the community to meet and interact with the candidates through virtual means will be held on February 25, 2021.

The Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) was contracted to conduct and facilitate the search for the next superintendent.

The Board's finalists are:

- **Joseph Aldridge** - With 20 years of experience as teacher, principal and superintendent, Aldridge cites relationships are at the core of his work. A passion for inclusive programs and fiscal leadership has allowed his district to move through the challenges presented by the pandemic with relative ease while still providing students with a quality education. Aldridge has a B.S. in Special Education, an M.S. in Educational Leadership and holds a CA Administrative Services Credential.
- **Tim Bauer** - Bauer brings 10 years of education experience as a teacher, Special Education Director, Principal and Superintendent in Alaska. He cites his success and a proven track record of establishing partnerships and collaborative efforts in improving the education of students. Bauer holds Alaska Teaching Certificates in Secondary English and Special Education. A Master's in Educational Leadership and Alaska Superintendent Endorsement.
- **William Burr** - A 20-year school administrator in Alaska, with 18 at the district level, Burr has extensive experience on district and program-level budget planning, curriculum planning, personnel management, and grant writing and is a three-time elected President of the Alaska Society for Technology in Education. Two of the three districts where he served as an administrator have had schools achieve "Blue-Ribbon School" status. Burr has a B.A. in Social Science, M.A. in Educational Leadership and is currently pursuing his Alaska Superintendent Endorsement.
- **Ralph Watkins** - With 12 years of experience, the last 7 as a school administrator, Watkins implemented a successful academic program that boasts 100% graduation rates for the past 4 years and strong post-secondary participation. He cites his leadership as being instrumental in developing and implementing an academic calendar and schedule that provides students with several opportunities to participate in career, vocational, STEM/STEAM, academic programs, and dual enrollment courses through the University of Alaska. Watkins holds an Alaska Teaching Certificate in Elementary Education and Alaska Superintendent Endorsement.

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