

Superintendent's Message for 2014-15

Before I share a little about myself I want to say what a beautiful area this is! I grew up in central Washington and my wife Carol and I spent nearly twenty-five years in The Dalles Oregon raising our three children. We are very familiar with sunshine and wind, both of which seem plentiful here. I have been impressed with what I have seen so far in our area and in particular in the Minidoka County School District. We have good buildings and even better staff, all of whom are friendly, dedicated individuals. What I found most amazing was the intense pride and loyalty to the district and the area. So many have been in the district their whole lives and have followed parents and grandparents in doing so. It substantiates my suspicion that this must be a great place to raise a family!

To tell you a bit about myself, as I mentioned, I was raised in central Washington graduating from Moses Lake High School and then from Washington State University with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. I eventually got both my masters, in Educational Technology Leadership, and my doctorate in K-12 Education Administration through distance learning at George Washington and Cappella Universities, respectively. I have taught sixth grade through high school, spending most of my career as high school math and computer science teacher in The Dalles where I also served as technology coordinator for the district. Before leaving that area I also served as elementary principal, high school vice principal, and assistant superintendent. Prior to accepting my position at Minidoka County School District I was superintendent of the Vernonia, Oregon school district for eight years.

I hope to get to know many of you as time progresses. I want you to know that I maintain an open door policy with regards to personal meetings with school staff, students, parents, and community members. I want to hear what you have to say, so please take the time to stop by the office if you have a concern or an issue. I am also willing to visit on the phone and my direct line phone number is 208-436-4411 x1103. I am a good listener and will address your concerns and follow-up in any way I can.