

UNALASKA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Unalaska, AK 99685

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Tammy Fowler-Pound, UCSD Board Chair, announced today that the Unalaska City School District Board of Directors has selected Mr. John Conwell to become the next District's Superintendent of Schools.

The School Board received both internal and external candidate applications and interviewed the finalist for the position Wednesday night. Board Chair Fowler-Pound stated, "We were very impressed with Mr. Conwell's administrative skills, knowledge of the district, ability to communicate clearly, and especially with his vision to take the schools to an even higher level of excellence. We believe that Mr. Conwell is the best choice for this position, and the best candidate to lead our schools into the future. The Board and I are very pleased."

The Board has offered and Mr. Conwell has accepted a two-year contract. The details of the contract have not been completed and are not available at this time.

Mr. Conwell is currently the High School Principal for the Unalaska City School District and has worked with UCSD for the last 10 years. He is the Special Education Director, and is responsible for personnel and student travel.

Mr. Conwell will have several challenges facing him as he begins his new position as Superintendent. These include improving student achievement, finalizing the UCSD Strategic Plan, reviewing Curriculum, hiring a new administrator and teachers, and focusing on teacher training efforts. UCSD also has several major school improvement projects, including replacing the roof and remodeling the kitchen, that must be accomplished in the next couple of years.

Fowler-Pound stated, "The new Superintendent will have a lot to learn. However, the District is fortunate to have a stable and capable staff and a stable and supportive Board to help."

Mr. Conwell will succeed Superintendent Darrell Sanborn who will retire in June.