



YAVAPAI ACCOMMODATION SCHOOL DISTRICT #99

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Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter, who serves as the President of Yavapai Accommodation School District #99 Governing Board, is pleased to announce the three (3) finalists for the position of District Executive Officer.

A five (5) member search committee composed of individuals from the Accommodation District and the Yavapai County Education Service Agency were tasked with evaluating the needs and filling the open position. Having reviewed the applications, the committee determined the three finalists. They will interview these candidates on Wednesday, April 13th, and make a final recommendation to the Governing Board on May 10th.

The selected candidates include the following, in alphabetical order:

Mrs. Kellie Burns—Mrs. Burns holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Black Hills State University and a Master of Arts in Education from the University of Phoenix. Beginning her teaching career in 2000, she has taught for both Holbrook Unified School District and Seligman Unified School District. Mrs. Burns has been with the Yavapai Accommodation School District for two (2) years, having served as the Dean of Students prior to being named the Interim District Executive Officer in February, 2016. She currently serves as the small school representative on the Forest Fee Management Association (FFMA) Board of Directors.

Ms. Marvy McNeese—Ms. McNeese earned both a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Arts in Education from Northern Arizona University. She began her instructional career in 2004 as a teacher at the Yavapai County Juvenile Detention School in Prescott, where she became Principal in 2012. Ms. McNeese has served on the Yavapai County Educational Technology Consortium (YCETC) Board of Directors since 2009 and is currently the President of the Arizona Correctional Educators Association (ACE).

Mr. Jim Wells—Mr. Wells completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at Arizona State University and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership at Northern Arizona University. He began his teaching and coaching career in 1993, and has taught for both Prescott Unified School District and Humboldt Unified School District. He started his administrative career as a Dean of Students and Assistant Principal in 1996. Having served as Principal of each Bradshaw Mountain High School and Prescott Mile High Middle School, Mr. Wells is currently an Assistant Principal at Prescott High School.

Mr. Carter and the Yavapai Accommodation School District invite the community to **Meet the Candidates** at an open public forum on **Tuesday, April 12th**. Students and staff will have an opportunity to interact with the finalists from **12:30 pm to 2:00 pm** at the Coulter/Giffin /Taylor Training Room located at Aspire High School, 2972 Centerpointe East, Prescott, AZ 86301. Parents and members of the public are invited to join the candidates from **5:00 pm to 6:30 pm** where they will have the opportunity to provide anonymous, written comment cards regarding the candidates. Light refreshments will be served. The search committee will review these responses prior to making a hiring recommendation. We hope you can join us.

For additional information, call Tim Carter at 928.925.6560.