



## 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 selection of Mrs. Kellie Burns as the District Executive Officer for 2016-2017.**

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 three (3) very well qualified finalists. The finalists met with the public on April 12<sup>th</sup> where they had an opportunity to interact with students, parents, community members, and staff. A large number of feedback cards were received and evaluated by the search committee. The committee is very thankful for the public input into this selection. Committee Members interviewed the candidates on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The Governing Board will finalize the decision at a regular meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

The search committee initially made the decision that any of the candidates, Kellie Burns, Marvy McNeese and Jim Wells were very well qualified and capable of serving as the District Executive Officer. The more difficult decision was deciding who the best fit for the district was .....at this point in time.

Mrs. Kellie Burns holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Black Hills State University and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership 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. Mrs. Burns may be reached at 928-759-8126.

Mr. Carter wishes to thank the committee for their hard work and dedication to this process and to the public who provided excellent feedback. For additional information, call Tim Carter at 928.925.6560.