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Interim Principal Named for Horizon Elementary in Murray City School District *Former Administrator returns as Principal and other Murray administrative assignments*

August 17, 2007, Murray, UT – The Murray Board of Education has appointed Dr. Martha Kupferschmidt as interim principal at Horizon Elementary School, 5180 South 700 West (Glendon Street) in Murray, UT. Dr. Kupferschmidt replaces Tracy Sjostrom Martinez, who unexpectedly resigned her principal position in July upon accepting another position out of state.

Dr. Kupferschmidt was previously employed by the Murray City School District as Director of Personnel and Student Services from 1998 to 2006. Prior to that, she also held positions in the Murray District as principal at Horizon Elementary from 1991 – 1998; principal at Longview Elementary from 1991 – 1998; Chapter I Specialist at Parkside and Liberty Schools; and 2nd Grade Teacher at McMillan Elementary. She holds an Ed.D and M.Ed from the University of Utah, both in Education Administration, and a B.A. in Elementary Education from the University of Arizona.

Superintendent Richard R. Tranter is very pleased to be able to make this assignment “to a person with the caliber of educational credentials and experience as Dr. Kupferschmidt ...her past performance in the district has been exemplary and we feel that we just couldn’t do better for Horizon Elementary than by hiring Martha for this position.”

In other Murray City School District administrative assignments; Russell Klein has been appointed as principal of Grant Elementary School, 662 West Bulldog Circle (6140 South), replacing Connie Buckner, who was transferred to McMillan Elementary, 315 East 5900 South. She replaces retired principal David Smith and was principal at Grant for over 6 years. Mr. Klein prior employment was at the Utah Office of Education as Results Coordinator for Assessment and Accountability. He also has teaching experience at Riverton High School, Parkview Elementary Timpanogos High School, Mountain View High School and as an Adjunct Faculty member at Salt Lake Community College.

Under the direction of the Murray Schools Board of Education, the mission of the Murray City School District is to work in partnership with the community in the education of youth in a changing society. Richard R. Tranter is superintendent and chief executive officer of the Murray City School District; Mitzie Huff is president of the Murray Board of Education.

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