



Murray City School District

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Principal Changes In Murray City School District

Administrator's re-assigned in both district junior high schools

April 23, 2009, Murray, UT – At last night's monthly meeting, the Murray School Board of Education approved the following administrative appointments for the upcoming 2009-10 school year:

- Hillcrest Junior High School: Jennifer Covington, Principal
Scott Wihongi as Assistant Principal
- Riverview Junior High School: David Dunn, Principal
Jim Bouwman as Assistant Principal

Jennifer Covington has held the position of Assistant Principal at Hillcrest Junior High since 2004 and now will be moving into the Head Principal position. She has been with Murray Schools since 1994 when she began as a business teacher at Murray High School. Ms. Covington received a BS in Marketing Education and a MS in Information Systems from Utah State. She also holds administrative endorsement.

Newly named Hillcrest Junior High Assistant Principal Scott Wihongi is returning to Hillcrest where he began as a science teacher in 2000 before moving to Murray High School in 2003. He is a graduate of the University of Utah with a BS in Biology Composite and has an advanced degree in administration.

David Dunn will be moving to Riverview Junior High as principal from Hillcrest Junior High where he has also been principal since 2003; prior to that he was assistant principal at Riverview Junior High. He received a BS in Zoology with an emphasis in Marine Biology from BYU; a BA in English and Political Science; and a Masters of Education in Leadership and Policy from the University of Utah.

Riverview Assistant Principal Jim Bouwman is retaining his current position. He has been with the Murray City School District since 1988, beginning as a math teacher and coach at Murray High, then moving to Riverview as Assistant Principal in 2003. Mr. Bouwman has a BS in Math, a Masters of Education and an Administrative Supervisory Certificate, all from Utah State University.

Mr. Dunn will be replacing the current Riverview Junior High Principal Shauna Ballou, who has been employed at the Murray City School District since 1987. She is retiring after having worked in the district as an English teacher at Murray High, principal at Bonnyview School, Creekside High School and then beginning in 2003 at Riverview Junior High. She has been a great asset to the Murray City School District.

Murray District Superintendent Richard R. Tranter is “very pleased to be able to have in our schools these very committed and experience educators. They have each worked diligently within the Murray City School District for many years and have earned a great deal of respect and appreciation for their coworkers. We congratulate them and commend them on their service to our school district.”

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; Laura Baker is president of the Murray Board of Education.

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