

New principals, administrator welcomed at Board meeting

May 10, 2007 – The Renton School Board at a recent meeting welcomed three new principals to the district for the coming school year. The board also approved the appointment of a new executive director for elementary programs.

Rex Kerbs Principal, Benson Hill Elementary School

Rex is currently principal at Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary School in the Orting School District. He has been an elementary school principal for 14 years and a classroom teacher for three years. Rex holds a master's degree in teaching from the University of Idaho. Rex replaces Sherrill Herbel and Fred Anderson who shared responsibilities as principals at the school and will retire at the end of this school year.



JoEllen Tapper, Principal, Renton Park Elementary School

JoEllen currently serves as education associate at Renton Park Elementary School. She holds a master's degree in health education from UCLA. She has been a classroom teacher for 11 years and is fluent in Spanish. JoEllen replaces Jim Turner who worked as interim principal at Renton Park during this school year.



Tracy Dyer, Vice Principal, Dimmitt Middle School

Tracy is currently an education associate at Lakeridge Elementary School. She holds master's degree in administration and supervision from the University of Phoenix. She has been a classroom teacher for seven years. Tracy replaces Greg Domingos who has accepted a position in a district closer to his home.



Susan Mather, Executive Director, Elementary Programs

Susan is currently principal at Bryn Mawr Elementary School. She holds a master's degree in speech pathology from Indiana University and a doctorate in education leadership from Seattle University. She has been a principal for 16 years and has served as director of early childhood special education at the ESD and in other leadership positions in the Highline School District. Susan replaces Vera Risdon who is retiring.

