

## **Educational Service District 113 Board Names New Superintendent**

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TUMWATER, Wash. - The ESD 113 Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Dana Anderson as Superintendent of ESD 113.

Anderson officially begins on July 1, 2013, taking over for Dr. Bill Keim who will be leaving to be the Executive Director of the Washington Association of School Administrators. Dr. Keim served as ESD 113 Superintendent for the past 11 years.

A nationwide search during the spring resulted in many quality candidates who were evaluated during a multi-month hiring process. The effort culminated with a board vote on May 8, 2013 to hire Dr. Anderson.

Anderson's extensive 25 year career started in the classroom as an elementary Science teacher & high school Math/Physics teacher at Endicott/St. John. He then spent a year as a graduate assistant at CWU, and two years as a high school Math teacher at Snohomish, before serving as the high school principal, and ultimately superintendent of the Willapa Valley School District.

Anderson joined the team at ESD 113 in 2000 as the director of School and District Improvement, was promoted to assistant superintendent of Data & Technology in 2002, and has led the Teaching & Learning division at ESD 113 since 2005.

Additionally Anderson's own education has been continual, and recently culminated in his Doctorate of Education degree in international education leadership from the University of London earlier this spring. He has received awards for teaching, vocational administration, curriculum leadership, student achievement leadership, and product development.

"I am extremely humbled by the opportunity to serve in the role of superintendent of the ESD 113," said Anderson.

"Our current superintendent, Bill Keim, has established an amazing legacy of leadership that includes expanding the Washington School Information Processing Cooperative, creating a Network of ESDs, completing a move to new facilities and expanding the services of our ESD. I will strive to follow his example of leadership, while bringing my own approach to leading and learning. Along with my colleagues at ESD 113, I wish to express my gratitude to Bill for his years of service, and to our Board of Directors for their collective wisdom and policy guidance."

Anderson continued, "We are working in a time of dramatic change in education, including revisions to teacher and principal evaluation, enhancements to content standards under the Common Core State Standards, and a renewed emphasis on early learning and increasing expectations for schools." Anderson pointed to ESD 113's demonstrated excellence in supporting leaders and teachers in support of student academic success. "We have a history of innovative approaches to providing student support and non-academic intervention. Our fiscal, human resource, technology, facilities and instructional support staff continually demonstrate a commitment to excellent service."

he said.

"As the ESD 113 superintendent, my primary roles will be to encourage and nurture our staff, expand relationships with community and regional educational leaders, and promote the ESD Network as a vital part of the statewide system of education," reflected Anderson.

"I am excited about the future role of ESDs and proud to serve our region and state in this new opportunity," he enthusiastically shared.