



## **Yakutat School District**

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### **May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 - For Immediate Release:**

**Yakutat, Alaska:** The Board of Education for the Yakutat School District is pleased to announce their unanimous choice for a new Superintendent, Dr. Patricia Hutcherson, beginning July 1, 2020.

The Board sought the guidance of AASB for the 2020 Superintendent search. AASB conducted a lengthy search and proposed two highly qualified individuals for the Board to review. The Board accepted the two applicants and on May 19th, hosted one-hour interviews. The Board then met in executive session to review the results of the interviews, the candidate's applications and references. After discussing the appointment at length, followed by some additional questions to the candidate, the Board moved into open session and unanimously supported the appointment of Dr. Patricia Hutcherson. The Board and Dr. Hutcherson have agreed to a 2-year contract that was finalized with the necessary signatures of both parties on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Dr. Hutcherson has worked in remote areas of Alaska for a number of years. Before coming to Alaska, she served as the Vice President for Human Resources at South Puget Sound Community College. Additionally, she served as principal with the Lower Yukon School District, Galena City School District, North Slope Borough Department of Health and Social Services as a Program Director, Northwest Arctic Borough School District, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Kashunamiut School District as an educational consultant, and Yupiit School District as Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

Dr. Hutcherson received a Bachelor of Social Welfare from the University of Washington, Masters of Social Work/Community Organizations from the University of Denver, and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policies from the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.

We at the school are pleased to welcome Dr. Hutcherson to our beautiful and supportive community of Yakutat. We encourage community leaders, parents and families to come and meet our new Superintendent over the summer months and into our next school year.

Dr. Hutcherson will start her new position on July 1, 2020.

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