

Kuspuk School District

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April 7, 2020 – Finalist Update:

Aniak, Alaska: The Kuspuk Board of Education Was informed recently that Mr. Brett Stirling, a previously selected finalist for the superintendent position has withdrawn his application after accepting another position. Therefor the remaining finalists to be interviewed on Tuesday April 14th are the individuals listed below:

James Anderson – Mr. Anderson began his time in education as a teacher, coach and administrator for public schools in Georgia and Oklahoma. James has most recently served as an educational consultant to the International School of Africa and the European Azerbaijan School, developing school programs, training teachers and taking the schools through accreditation. Previous to that he served as the head of Westside Academy and principal of Morrison Academy, both independent parochial schools. Mr. Anderson has a B.S. in Health and Physical Education from the University of Georgia (1984), an M.Ed. in Leadership & Educational Administration from the University of Central Oklahoma (1995) and received a Peabody Fellowship for independent school leadership at Vanderbilt University (2008).

George “Scott” Ballard – Mr. Ballard has recently come out of retirement and is serving as the assistant principal in Kotlik school. Mr. Ballard served as superintendent in the Iditarod Area School Districts, and a long-time educator and principal in the Lower Yukon School District (1995-2012). Mr. Ballard holds a B.Ed., M.Ed. and Superintendent endorsement from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Joel Thomas – Mr. Thomas is currently the Administrator of Boarding Programs for the Lower Kuskokwim School District (LKSD) in Bethel, AK. He has worked 12 years in LKSD beginning as an itinerant special education teacher, assistant site administrator (Toksook Bay), site administrator (Tununak) and all district itinerant special education teacher. Mr. Thomas has a B.S. in English from State Univ. of NY at Brockport (2004), an M.Ed. in English and Teaching students with disabilities (2006), and M.S. in Educational Leadership from the Univ. of Alaska Anchorage (2012). Mr. Thomas is also a licensed commercially rated pilot.

The new superintendent is expected to start on or before July 1, 2020.

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