



Ocean View School District

Press Release

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SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTED FOR OCEAN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

On Tuesday, November 6, 2007, the Board of Trustees of the Ocean View School District unanimously appointed Alan Rasmussen, Ed.D., as the District's Superintendent, effective January 1, 2008. Dr. Rasmussen has been with the District since November 2006, serving as a Consultant for Human Resources. Current Interim Superintendent Edward A. Sussman, Ed.D., who retired in 2003 after 17 years as Superintendent of Downey Unified School District, is looking forward to continuing his post-retirement educational consultant opportunities assisting other districts throughout Southern California with his expertise in leadership and district management.

"We are very pleased to be announcing Dr. Rasmussen's appointment," said Board President Tracy Pellman. "Dr. Rasmussen is a man of impeccable credentials, proven leadership, and is well respected throughout the state. Both Dr. Rasmussen and Dr. Sussman have partnered over the last year to bring to Ocean View needed systems and organizational change within the context of District operations. They have both demonstrated a high level of integrity and vision for the future of the District and for continued success of all Ocean View School District students. We cannot thank Dr. Sussman enough for his service this past year, and we look forward to Dr. Rasmussen's leadership and guidance in the coming years."

Dr. Rasmussen brings more than 36 years of experience in K-12 education, including nine years as a Superintendent. His previous administrative experience includes five years as Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Educational Services, elementary and middle school principal, and classroom teacher. Following undergraduate study at California State University, Northridge, Dr. Rasmussen received his Masters in Teacher Education from the University of Southern California, and a doctoral degree in Organizational Leadership from the University of LaVerne. He currently serves as an adjunct professor at the University of LaVerne.

In 2001, Dr. Rasmussen received the Gold Award from the California Teachers Association for his support of public education. In 2004, Association of California School Administrators named him the Superintendent of the Year for Region IX. Currently he is involved in many professional organizations, including the American Association of School Administrators, the Association of California School Administrators, the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the Northern California Superintendents' Association.

Married for more than 36 years, Dr. and Mrs. Rasmussen have two children who are high school teachers in Orange County. When asked, Dr. Rasmussen stated he is "excited to return to Huntington

Beach where he began his career 35 years ago. Ocean View is a wonderful District, and I am excited to be part of a progressive and successful team that is committed to the academic achievement of all students. The morale is high for both employees and parents, and I will continue in this positive direction to move the District forward.”

Board Member George Clemens said, “Over the past year we’ve been privileged to have two of California’s best Superintendents lead us during a challenging time for education. We have complete confidence that Dr. Rasmussen is the perfect choice as the leader of this outstanding school District.”

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