



A word from Michelle Price, our new North Central ESD Superintendent

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. I am honored to serve you as the new superintendent at NCESD. Who is Michelle Price? First and foremost, I am a wife to Rich. I am Mom to four adult children, Rachelle (Chris), Brandon (Kelly), Samantha (Jordan), and Jacob (Cait). I am grandma to Levi, Gracie, and Claire. I am daughter, sister, and friend. I am a lifelong learner holding three degrees - a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Special Education, a Master's Degree in School Administration, both from Central Washington University and a Doctorate Degree in School Administration from Washington State University. I have a passion for children and public education, serving as a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent for teaching and learning and superintendent over the last 30 years in Tacoma, Soap Lake, and Moses Lake. I am committed to community service. I am a past president of the Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce, served on the Columbia Basin Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, and have been a Rotarian. My state and national advocacy for rural Washington has led me to be the past president of the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) and to serve on the Executive Committee for the American Association of School Superintendents (AASA).

It is with great pride that the team of professionals at North Central Educational Service District embraces the opportunities and responsibilities with which we are blessed. We provide a wide array of programs, services and



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Si Bautista retires from NCESD Board after 27 years



Si Bautista recently retired from the North Central Educational Service District Board of Directors after 27 years, during which he served as chair for 25 years. As a North Central ESD Board member he was a long-time supporter of educational agencies such as the Washington State School

Directors Association (WSSDA), the Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD) and the national Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA). He participated in regional meetings, state and national conferences and events whenever possible. He is the retired owner of several McDonald's restaurants in the Wenatchee area.

Si is a past recipient of the Wenatchee Business Leader of the Year Award and was honored in 2003 with the Lehman Johnson award, given to those who have been long-time community leaders and supporters of the Apple Blossom Festival. He also is a past recipient of the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) award for outstanding community leadership and contributions toward the improvement of public education. In 2008 he was honored with the

“Good Scout” award from the Boys Scouts of America. Si and his wife Corina were also presented with the 2009 “Spirit of A.Z. Wells Awards” for their contributions to the Central Washington Hospital and the community at the CWH Foundation gala.

Si and Corina have been long-time area supporters of youth programs, activities, and events. They are well known throughout the region for their sponsorship of programs related to the arts, theater, and academics.

NCESD Executive Director Suzanne Reister, who worked as Si's assistant at McDonald's for nearly 20 years before he retired, stated, “I witnessed countless times Si and Corina's generosity as they encouraged and helped someone in need. Most people are unaware of all they have done since it was their choice to do it behind the scenes - recognition was

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never the reason they got involved. They believed in giving back to a community that supported them.”

As chair of the ESD Board, Si worked with six other board members in developing cost-effective programs for the 29 school districts in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan Counties. The ESD covers 12,600 square miles and services just over 38,000 students.

Dr. Gene Sharratt, retired Superintendent of the ESD remarked, "As Board chair of NCESD, Si had the ability to create the conditions necessary for staff to succeed at high levels of achievement. He believes strongly in empowerment of staff and accountability. Si believes if you have hope for the future you have the power to change the present. Si provided the leadership that kept us focused and accountable.”

Dr. Rich McBride, who retired as North Central ESD Superintendent in June of this year, after serving 15 years, adds, “Si and Corina are incredible examples of what community leadership really is...from their support of the Arts, to youth programs, to their support of school activities...they have been a wonderful asset to the Wenatchee Valley. As ESD Board Chair, Si’s encouragement of our staff and agency to ‘seize the moment’ empowered all of us to keep our eyes to the horizon for those opportunities which will benefit the local schools of our region.”



Si Bautista was honored in January for his 25 years of service as chair of the NCESD Board.

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support to 29 public school districts in north central Washington. As one of Washington’s nine ESDs, we provide leadership and quality service in advocating for innovative educational programs for the children and communities we serve. We promote and support educational excellence through the provision of essential, cooperative services to schools, learning communities and valued partners. Our commitments include:

- Leadership: Supporting and facilitating transformative equity driven leadership development through a network of high functioning administrative professional learning communities.
- Advocacy: Help define equity driven systems of support that facilitate students to be healthy, safe, engaged, challenged, and supported by qualified caring adults.
- Relationships: Listen, understand the needs, and provide customized quality service and value for the districts we serve.
- Communications: Create and lead better intentional communications, sharing high leverage strategies being employed for equity across our region and supported with the integration of technology.

We take very seriously both our opportunities and responsibilities to help schools, districts and partners serve the most valuable resource on earth – our children. Our highly professional staff is here to serve.

Have a blessed start to the school year. Thank you for partnering with us! It is an honor and a privilege to serve you and our wonderful region as we work together to successfully prepare all students for their future.

With Great Pride,

Michelle Price, Ed. D.

North Central Education Foundation Teacher Classroom Grant Awards

The North Central Education Foundation, partnering closely with NCESD, was pleased to award 95 Teacher Classroom Grants, totaling \$30,000, to teachers in Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties at their recent Grant Award Reception held at the Confluence Technology Center in Wenatchee.

Larry MacGuffie, NCESD Board Chair, served as MC for the event. The NCEF



Board was also excited, for the first time, to present awards at a remote location in Okanogan County via Zoom.

The grant awards were made possible because of the wonderful generosity of our sponsors, including North Cascades Bank, Community Foundation of NCW, Woods Family Music & Arts, Chelan Douglas Land Trust, Olive Garden, Clear Risk Solutions, PlanMember Services and Wenatchee Valley Technical Skills Center, and donations from many individuals in the community.



Pictured above are North Central Education Foundation Teacher Classroom Grant Award winners in the STEAM Category, presented to those who are planning a project to include Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. Back row, third from right, Erika Orsulak, Community Foundation of NCW; Mary Jane Ross, NCEF Board Treasurer and Ray Allen, NCEF President.

State and Regional Events



Jon Magnus, NCESD Regional Teacher of the Year (center), is pictured in Seattle with other Regional Teachers of the Year at the State Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony in September.



Representatives from The Beresford Company, a great educational partner, at the Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony, pictured with NCESD Superintendent Michelle Price (l-r): Ted Beresford, Michelle Price, Merle Kirkley.



The WSSDA Regional meeting held in Leavenworth on October 3, hosted by Superintendent Bill Motsenbocker, Cascade School District, was well attended and informative. It was a great opportunity to learn about trending educational issues, understand current legislative impacts and become well informed while interacting with fellow school directors. 2017 Washington State Teacher of the Year Camille Jones from Quincy School District, is shown addressing the audience. Other speakers included Representatives Cary Condatta and Mike Steele.

NCESD Board Develops Annual Work Plan

“Alice came to a fork in the road. ‘Which road do I take?’ she asked. ‘Where do you want to go?’ responded the Cheshire cat. ‘I don’t know,’ Alice answered. ‘Then,’ said the cat, ‘It doesn’t much matter. If you don’t know where you are going, any road will get you there.’” Lewis Carroll, *Alice in Wonderland*, 1865.

As the cat points out, lack of clear direction can lead an individual, or a team, down many paths, including the wrong ones. The result is misdirection, wasted time and resources, and unmet goals. Having a direction is key to choosing, and staying on, the best path.

In continued efforts to maintain direction and focus, the NCESD Board of Directors has laid out the Board’s work in a new format—an Annual Work Plan.

The purpose of the Annual Work Plan is two-fold. First, the plan ensures that the Board responds to and aligns with local school districts and NCESD initiatives. Second, that the Board considers stakeholder perspectives and aligns with stakeholder expectations, incorporating annual NCESD Owners Summit input into plan development. The Annual Work Plan serves to:

- Identify the Board’s core priorities
- Outline an actionable plan to

accomplish the priorities

- Establish a timeline of important events in chronological and relationship order over an 18-month period.
- Create a visual and transparent display of the Board’s work

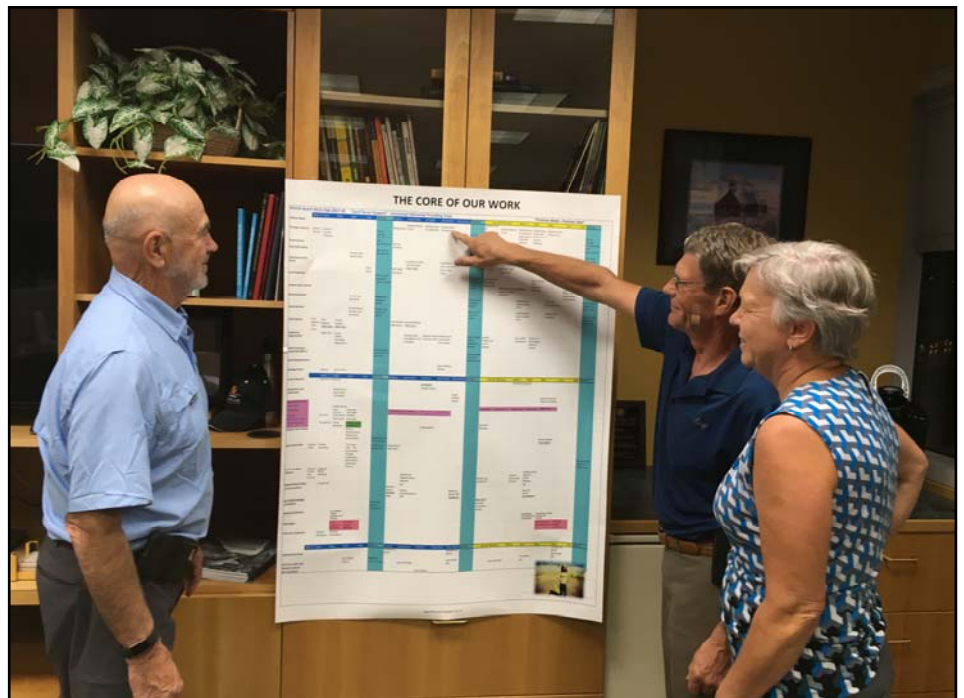
Four initiatives were identified for the 2017 - 2020 school years: Relationships, Communications, Leadership and Advocacy. As an example of alignment with the Relationship initiative, the Board will focus on “On-site Staff Development” and the use of “Collaborative Technology and Video Conferencing.”

To maintain timelines and plan action completion, the Annual Work Plan will be a standing agenda item at all Board meetings for discussion, evaluation and revision as needed. Action items will be reviewed and modified following the NCESD Owner Summit in March 2018.

The Annual Work Plan and the Owner/ NCESD initiatives document are posted on the NCESD Board web page www.ncesd.org/about-us/north-central-esd-board/

Please contact NCESD Board members at any time regarding the Board’s mission and annual work plan. How? At NCESDBoard@ncesd.org.

~Larry MacGuffie, Vice-Chair
Cathy Meuret, NCESD Board



Larry MacGuffie, NCESD Board (left), Harlan Warner, NCESD Board Chair, and Cathy Meuret visit about the Board’s Annual Work Plan “The Core of Our Work.”

North Central ESD Regional Board Meeting in Orondo



NCESD Board members and staff recently met for a combined meeting at the Orondo School. Pictured above: (l-r): Orondo Superintendent Ismael Vivanco; Larry MacGuffie, Mary Kunkle, Marcia Henkle, Harlan Warner and Cathy Meuret, NCESD Board; Suzanne Reister, Trisha Shock and Brent Stark, NCESD staff; Rosario Hurtado, Orondo Executive Manager; Superintendent Michelle Price, NCESD; Pat Brandt, Orondo Board; NCESD Assist. Supt. Linda McKay; Grant Daniel and Jan Merriman, Orondo Board; Eldene Wall, NCESD Staff; Jennifer Foreman, Orondo Board; Alicia Lopez, Orondo Assistant Principal; and Lance Young, Orondo Principal.

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Pictured at the Regional Board meeting are (l-r): Alicia Lopez, Orondo Assistant Principal; Lance Young, Orondo Principal; Dr. Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent; Larry MacGuffie, NCESD Board Vice-Chair; and Mary Kunkle, NCESD Board.