

## New Superintendent Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year and to officially introduce myself to the community. It is an honor and a privilege to join this team of outstanding educators as the new superintendent/principal of Skamania School. I wish Sally Godwin the best in her retirement and thank her for her fine leadership and years of dedication to Skamania School District.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my introduction to the district and community. I quickly learned that Skamania School, with over 140 years of rich history, has a strong reputation for providing excellent education in the beautiful Columbia Gorge. The school effectively serves 80 students in grades K-8 in mixed age classes that provide solid, personalized instruction within a caring and compassionate school climate.

I look forward to getting to know the students, staff, faculty, parents, board, and community. My goal is to honor the successful history of Skamania School while strengthening our foundation and ensuring that each student is well prepared and ready for the future.

I bring to Skamania over 30 years of experience as an administrator with a passion for ensuring the success of each student. I have been a teacher and school administrator in Oregon, Washington, and internationally. My undergraduate degree is in elementary teaching from Brigham Young University, with a masters degree in special education from the University of Oregon, and a doctorate in educational leadership from Lehigh University. My wife, Brenda, and I live in Camas, and we have five children and ten beautiful grandchildren.

I am looking forward to a successful 2017-18 school year. I encourage you to review our website where you will find information about back to school night, schedules, etc. You are also welcome to stop by for a visit or you may call me directly at [\(509\) 427-8239](tel:5094278239).

Sincerely,

Dr. Ralph H. Pruitt

