

# John Gary Pothast

## Education

- **M.Ed.** Educational Leadership, Northern Arizona University; Flagstaff, Arizona. May, 1999
- **B.A.A.** Secondary Education: English and Communications, University of Minnesota-Duluth. November, 1988
- Alaska Type B Administrative certificate: December, 2000

## Administrative Experience

### **Director of Elementary & Secondary Education/Student Activities, KPBSD, 2015-present**

- Supervise elementary and secondary schools, distance education, Career-Technical Education (CTE) counselors and student activities in the KPBSD.
- Provide leadership to principals and building administrators, teachers and counselors in the above mentioned areas.
- Highlights include increasing high school/college dual credit courses and opportunities for students and development and implementation of Personalized Learning throughout all KPBSD schools and classrooms.

### **Principal, Redoubt Elementary School, KPBSD, 2005-2015**

- Instructional leader for school of 400 students, 26 teachers and twenty support staff
- Managed budget, academic and co-curricular programs and maintained positive school and community climate. Provided leadership, direction and support to school in the areas of curriculum, instruction, assessment.
- Highlights include implementation of School-Wide PBIS, effectively implementing standards-based reporting system and development of effective Professional Learning Communities.

### **Principal, Skyview High School, KPBSD, 1999-2005**

- Instructional leader for school of 600 students, forty teachers and twenty support staff
- Responsible for all aspects of a large, comprehensive high school, including budget, academic and co-curricular programs, and maintaining positive school and community climate. Provided leadership, direction and support to school in the areas of curriculum, instruction, assessment.
- Highlights include development and implementation of Aspirations Advocates Mentor Program, development of a ninth-grade team and development of After-The-Bell tutoring program.

## Teaching Experience

- **English teacher, Kenai Peninsula College, Kenai River Campus, 2016-present**—Soldotna, AK
  - Teach Writing 111, *Writing Across Contexts*, and Communications 111, *Fundamentals of Oral Communications*
- **English teacher, Cibola High School, 1989-1992 & 1993-1999** –Yuma, Arizona
  - High School English teacher and coach
  - As department chair (1997-1999), supervised 18 teachers, performed evaluations and maintained department budget.
- **English/PE teacher, St. John’s School, 1992-1993**—Upper Tumon, Guam
  - Taught English and PE, grades 4-12

## Professional Involvement

- National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), 2005-present
  - NAESP & NASSP Joint Teacher Evaluation Committee, 2013-2014
  - Federal Relations Conference/National Leaders Conference, 2010-2015
- Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals, 2005-present
  - President-Elect 2010-2011; President, 2011-2014
- Alaska Council of School Administrators Board of Directors (ACSA)
  - Board member 2011-2014; President 2012-2013
- National Association of Secondary School Administrators (NASSP), 1999-2005
- Alaska Association of Secondary School Administrators, 1999-2005
  - Positions held include President-Elect and Region Director
- Kenai Peninsula Administrator’s Association 1999-2015
  - Positions held include President, Vice President/Secretary and Treasurer

## Community Involvement

- Tsalteshi Trails Association, 2007-present. Served as President, 2014-2017
- Cross Country Alaska Board Member, 2016-present
- Soldotna Rotary Club Member, 2000-2015
  - Positions held include Youth Activities Chair, Youth Exchange Counselor, Club President, and Interact Club Sponsor (Rotary Club for students)
- Church Council President, 2006-2015

## Awards and Honors

- State of Alaska Principal of the Year (NASSP), 2004
- Service Award, Soldotna Rotary Club, 2003
- Alaska’s Region III Principal of the Year, 2003
- State of Alaska Technology Leader of the Year Award, 2002