



# Janelle Vanasse



## Education:

Doctorate of Education  
Educational Leadership  
Gonzaga University  
Spokane, Washington  
Anticipated: May 2021

Masters of Education  
Educational Leadership  
University of Alaska- Anchorage  
Anchorage, Alaska  
June 2004

Bachelor of Science  
Special Education  
St. Cloud State University  
St. Cloud, Minnesota  
May 1991

Superintendent Endorsement  
University of Alaska-Southeast  
May 2016

State of Alaska Certificate  
Type B- Administration

## Board Association:

AlaskaCan, 65 x 2025  
2018-current

Southeast Educational Regional  
Resource Center 2016- current

UAS-Sitka Advisory Board  
2016- current

Bethel Community Services  
Board 2011-2016

Education Northwest American  
Indian/Alaska Native Advisory  
Board 2014-2016

## Summary:

Innovative educational leader with a strong knowledge of pedagogy, successful experience in increasing educational growth, and a passion for creating quality public education.

## Skill Highlights:

- System Thinking
- School Improvement
- Results Oriented
- Data Analysis & Inquiry
- Strong Technology Skills
- Career Education
- College-Career Readiness
- Staff Capacity Building
- Financial Oversight
- Rural Alaskan Experience

## Professional Experience:

**2016- Present Superintendent Mt. Edgecumbe High School**  
Department of Education & Early Development  
State of Alaska • Sitka, Alaska

Provides leadership of a 400+ student statewide boarding school. Provides oversight for both academic and residential operations including large contracts for dorm, food services and others.

- Established sustainable 1:1 computer program
- Instituted Advanced Placement Program
- Modernized application process & operational systems
- Focused on growth reaching 95%ile nationally schoolwide
- Elevated Advisory Board Participation
- Focused on equity and broadened access

### 2014-2016 Director of Secondary Education

Lower Kuskokwim School District • Bethel, Alaska

Provided leadership and direction of secondary curriculum and instruction, career and technical education, distance delivery, academic counseling, boarding schools, and special programs for a large rural district covering twenty-seven schools.

- Led staff development for the 30+ principal group
- Supervised K-12 principals in Bethel & outlying villages
- Established summer math program
- Established dual credit options for village students

### **2006- 2014 Site Administrator Bethel Regional High School**

Lower Kuskokwim School District • Bethel, Alaska

Served as principal/site administrator of a 500+ student Title 1 school grades 7-12. Provided focused school improvement and extensive staff development. Position included site-based budgeting, and management of ancillary service in addition to instructional leadership.

- Reduced annual drop-outs by half; eliminating gaps for Alaska Native and low socio economic status.
- Increased graduation rate from below 50% to 70%+ for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year graduation rates.
- Raised college-going rate to 65%+ from less than 50%.
- Increased participation in advanced classes and career pathways.
- Established partnerships with multiple organizations to extend services to students and families.
- School earned national “Get Schooled” award and recognition for college-going culture.
- Served as executive officer for Advisory Board of all Bethel Community Schools

### **2004-2006- Assistant Site Administrator Bethel Regional High School**

Lower Kuskokwim School District • Bethel, Alaska

Served as assistant principal. Led staff through mid-year administration transition and response to public dissatisfaction, served as interim Site Administrator in 2005-06.

### **2000-2004- Executive Director Yuut Elitnaurviat- Peoples Learning Center**

Yuut Elitnaurviat Inc, on loan from Lower Kuskokwim School District • Bethel, Alaska

Led the conceptual design of a multi-agency non-profit corporation with the purpose of providing vocational training to youth and adults in rural Alaska. Employment was maintained through Lower Kuskowkim School District, but the position administered the independent corporation of nine agency partners.

- Secured over \$8 million in grant funds for construction.
- Established a 501(c)3 corporation.
- Organized and worked for an executive board of directors that included the CEO/Lead Administrator from major organizations.

### **1996-2000- Educational Specialist • Special Education and Grants**

Lower Kuskokwim School District • Bethel, Alaska

Provided direct services to schools regarding special education services from 1996-1999 and grant funding from 1999-2001.

- Established school-wide behavior prevention plans.
- Secured millions of dollars in discretionary grant funds for a variety of programs.

### **1991-1996- Teacher- Special Education**

Fairbanks Northstar Borough School District • Fairbanks, Alaska  
Weller Elementary, Grades 4-6

CESA #10 • Chippawa Falls, Wisconsin

Eleva-Strum High School, Grades 7-12

## **Key Experiences**

- 10+ years on District Budget Committee, LKSD
- 5+ years on District Improvement Committee, LKSD
- Teacher Evaluation Committee, LKSD
- Federal Programs Management, LKSD & MEHS
- Boarding School Licensing & Budgeting
- Developed & Delivered Staff Development for teachers & administrators
- Positive Board Relationships in multiple settings