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## **CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WELCOMES NEW ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPAL**

### *New Hires to Help SAU#1 Move Forward on Strategic Plan for District Schools*

*Peterborough* – Reflecting the school district’s mission that each and every student leaves the ConVal system prepared for responsible citizenship, life-long learning, and productive employment, Superintendent Kimberly Saunders proudly announces two key additions to the SAU#1 leadership team for 2016-17 school year.

Dr. Ann Allwarden has been promoted to Assistant School Superintendent. Dr. Allwarden previously served as principal of Antrim/Pierce elementary schools since 2013 and has served SAU#1 since 2008. Dr. Allwarden recently accepted a three-year contract from the ConVal School Board. She received her doctorate from Boston College and worked as a literacy coach for years.

“Before serving proudly as a school principal, my career began in the classroom,” explains Allwarden. “I plan to bring a blend of both the teacher’s and the managerial perspective to my new role as Assistant Superintendent.”

Replacing Dr. Allwarden as principal of Pierce/Antrim Elementary School is a new face to ConVal school district. John Jordan comes to SAU#1 from Ware Public Schools in Ware, Massachusetts. Jordan has experience in the principal’s office and has served as an administrator in Holyoke Public Schools. His early career also began as a classroom teacher. “The ConVal School District has a terrific reputation throughout the region, and I am thrilled to join the team as a new employee and as a resident of Greenfield, New Hampshire,” says Jordan. “I plan to bring my open door policy to Pierce and AES, and I greatly look forward to getting to know the students and parents in the communities we serve.”

Superintendent Kimberly Saunders is confident both will be critical additions to the administrative team, and will make immediate contributions to quality education throughout the district. “Our strategic plan calls for the hiring and retention of a highly competent, caring and effective staff, and I know Ann and John fit that bill beautifully,” says Superintendent Saunders. “My team will spend the next few weeks getting everything set to welcome students back for the new school year on August 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great year.”

The Contoocook Valley Regional School District is made up of 11 schools representing 2,179 students in 9 towns: Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, and Temple.