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Mary Huntington (Suzzuk) Selected as Mt. Edgecumbe High School Director

JUNEAU – Today the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development announced that Mary Huntington (Suzzuk) has been selected as the Director/Superintendent of Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka and will begin work on June 1, 2022. The Department’s selection of Huntington is subject to approval by the Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development, which will hold its next meeting on June 8-9, 2022.

Huntington has been the Coordinator of Cultural Programs for the Bering Strait School District (BSSD) since 2018. She previously taught in elementary, middle, and high school classrooms in BSSD and served as an Assistant Principal of Shishmaref School and Principal of Koyuk Malimiut School. She was appointed as a parent representative to the Mt. Edgecumbe High School Advisory Board in 2017 and was selected Chair in 2020.

Originally from Shishmaref, Huntington graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School before earning a Bachelor of Education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and a Master of Education at the University of Alaska Southeast. In addition to her employment with BSSD, Huntington has been active in numerous professional committees and cultural arts experiences.

Located in Sitka, Mt. Edgecumbe High School is a boarding school enrolling 400 students, grades 9-12, and operated by the State of Alaska Department of Education & Early Development. Enrollment preference is given to students from communities without high schools. The State Board of Education & Early Development serves as the governing board for Mt. Edgecumbe High School. In addition, the Mt. Edgecumbe High School Advisory Board meets regularly to offer guidance to school administration.

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