



## *West Sonoma County Union High School District*

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### *WEST SONOMA COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT WELCOMES*



### *KELLER MCDONALD*

In June 2005, the West Sonoma County Union High School Board of Education was pleased to announce Keller McDonald as the new superintendent for the WSCUHSD. McDonald came to the WSCUHSD from Willits Unified School District where he served as the Assistant Superintendent. He was responsible for curriculum, instruction and assessment; personnel; staff development; technology; budgeting; legal compliance; categorical programs; grant management; alternative education programs; and school safety. While Assistant Superintendent at Willits Unified he also served as a Consultant/Administrator on Special Assignment for the Mendocino County Office of Education providing support for high school improvement across Mendocino County.

McDonald began his career in education in 1977 in the Leslie County School District; Hyden, KY as a science teacher and football, track and basketball coach. In 1980 Mr. McDonald joined the Middletown Unified School District as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher where he coached soccer and basketball. In 1981 he moved to the junior/senior high school in the Middletown Unified School District as a science, math and reading teacher and head football coach. In 1983 Mr. McDonald began his administrative career with the Middletown Unified School District where he served as a continuation high school principal, district director of independent study, summer school principal, junior/senior high school dean of students and elementary school principal. In 1989 McDonald joined the Willits Unified School District as the Principal of Willits High School and in 2001 moved to the district office where he has served as the Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. McDonald graduated from Petaluma High School. He received his B.S. in environmental planning and management from the University of California, Davis in 1974, his elementary and secondary education credentials in 1977 from Dominican College, and masters in educational administration in 1989 from California State University.

Keller's wife, Marcia, is a family nurse practitioner. The McDonalds have three children, all of whom are out of the home. Their older son studied chemistry at the U.S. Naval Academy and completed his medical degree at Tulare University.

*"The mission of the West Sonoma County Union High School District is to provide high quality instruction as student achievement is our top priority."*

He is now serving as a Navy doctor. Their daughter studied anthropology at Haverford College and completed a master's degree at Yale University. She is a nurse practitioner. Their younger son studied math at the Naval Academy and received a master's degree at the Naval Postgraduate School. He is training as a naval aviator.

In McDonald's free time he enjoys traveling, bird watching, boating, outdoor activities, gardening and raising Labrador retrievers.

Of his service to WSCUHSD, McDonald says, "I am excited to help lead our outstanding West County high schools and honored to be part of this vibrant and supportive West County community. Together, we are providing dynamic programs that serve the diverse needs of our West County high school students."

McDonald invites students, parents and community members with questions or ideas about school programs to contact him by e-mail at [kmcdonald@analy.org](mailto:kmcdonald@analy.org) or through the WSCUHSD office at 824-6412.