

UAS is pleased to announce the finalists for the position of Executive Dean for the Alaska College of Education



Dr. Steve Atwater

Feb 19: Fairbanks, Feb 20: Anchorage, Feb 21: Juneau
Current position: Interim Dean, UAF School of Education

Atwater joined UA in Nov. 2014 after five years as superintendent of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, where he was named Alaska's 2013 Superintendent of the Year. Prior to his work for KPBSD, Atwater taught secondary education and served consecutively as head teacher, curriculum coordinator and superintendent for the Lake & Peninsula School District in King Salmon, AK. Atwater's experience with the Alaska education system extends to his own professional training, as he earned both his master's in education and his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Dr. Kathryn Hildebrand

Mar 7: Juneau, Mar 8: Anchorage/Fairbanks, Mar 9: Fairbanks
Current position: Dean, Troy University College of Education

Hildebrand's 27 years in higher education has been at rural institutions having a student-centered focus. She served for ten years as an administrator at the college or institutional level. These administrative positions included serving as the Dean of the College of Education at Troy University, as well as serving as Assistant Dean of the College of Education, and later as the Assistant Vice Provost at Northern Arizona University. While serving as Assistant Vice Provost, she was also Interim Director of the Center for Science Teaching and Learning for one year. Prior to her administrative positions, Hildebrand was a faculty member and the Program Director of the Health and Physical Education major, and as the Assistant Department Chair of the Department of Health Sciences at Northern Arizona University.



Each candidate will be meeting with the AKCoE Executive Dean Search Committee

Each will :

- meet with Education Faculty and Staff
- meet with administrators at each location
- present a 45 minute public presentation followed by Q&A (live-streamed on UATV and recorded for viewing on the website)
- participate in an Open Forum for all interested parties

Full schedule available at

<http://www.uas.alaska.edu/chancellor/alaska-college-of-education.html>