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To Whom It May Concern:

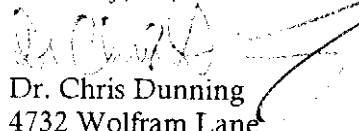
With the excellent reputation and stellar academic record Pinellas County Schools possesses it is a pleasure to submit my resume for Superintendent. After reviewing the requirements and desired professional qualities found on your search brochure I hope you will find my qualifications exceed your expectations, especially with the diversity of my administrative experiences.

In regards to the requirements, I have a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida and have been a senior level administrator in the Elementary, Secondary, and District Office of Pasco County Schools; which has a student population greater than 60,000. In my position as Supervisor of Employee Relations and Chief Negotiator I worked very closely with the Human Resources, Transportation, Food and Nutritional Services, and Child Card Departments, as well as, the Chief Finance Officer of the district. My experience in Educational Leadership prompted the University of South Florida to pursue me as an adjunct professor for their Masters degree program.

I believe I have demonstrated myself to be an energetic, creative, and positive leader and welcome the opportunity to pursue a position where I am able to lead such a diverse population of staff, students and community members. I have excellent written and verbal communication skills, as demonstrated by my work in my position and within the community.

My wife was born and raised in Pinellas County and would like to move back into that area since her family still resides there. I believe my commitment to academic excellence, experience and enthusiasm will enable me to work with others towards the continued development and educational improvement in the Pinellas County Schools. I have enclosed my resume for your convenience and look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

  
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## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

**Ed.D. in Educational Leadership, University of South Florida, Tampa, 2004.**  
Focus on instructional teacher qualities and interview techniques.

**Masters Degree, University of South Florida, Tampa, May 1997,**  
Educational Leadership.

**Bachelor of Science, University of South Florida, Tampa, May 1993,**  
Elementary Education with an emphasis in Social Sciences and  
Math.

## **WORK EXPERIENCES**

- 2006 - present      **Principal - Paul R. Smith Middle School, Pasco County.**  
Opened a brand new middle school with 107 employees and over 900 students. The school contains one of the districts most challenging middle school student populations with fifty-eight percent of the students receiving free and reduced meals in a neighborhood known for its difficult home life and family structures. The school contains ESE populations of EBD, EMH, VE, Gifted, and piloted the new Learning Lab program. Together we increased the State Recognition Programs school Grade from a 'C' to a 'B'.
- 2006 - present      **Adjunct Professor - University of South Florida.**  
Educational Leadership Department Masters Degree program.
- 2003 - 2006        **Supervisor of Employee Relations & Chief Negotiator,**  
District School Board of Pasco County - Land O' Lakes.  
Chief negotiator for the School Related Personnel contract and assistant negotiator to the Instructional contract. Conducted employee discipline for the district and worked on several district initiatives such as the BEST program, School Recognition Funds Protocol, reformatting district job descriptions, etc.
- 2000 - 2003        **Principal - Calusa Elementary - Pasco County.**  
Principal of a school containing 800 students, with programs in EH, SED, VE, SLD and Speech. Wrote and received a CSR grant for \$450,000 with which we implemented the Four Blocks to Literacy program and increased the State Recognition Programs school Grade from a 'C' to a 'B'.

## WORK EXPERIENCES CONTINUED

- 1997 - 2000      **Assistant Principal - Cotee River Elementary - Pasco.**  
Assistant Principal of a school housing 1050 students with a large ESE population. CRES was a cluster school for students with disabilities, housing PMH, TMH, EMH, SEDMR, PI, OT/PT, APE, Gifted, SLD, DD, VI, and Speech and Language Therapy.
- 1994 - 1997      **Teacher - Seven Springs Elementary - Pasco County.**  
Grades 3-5 continuous progress, Co-paired SLD/EH Inclusion.
- 1993 - 1994      **Teacher - Lewis Elementary - Hillsborough County.**  
Fourth grade self contained teacher.

## UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

- President of the College of Education Student Council -1992.**  
**S.C.A.T.T. Plus -** Pilot courses in effective communication, including the responsibility of teaching these skills to fellow S.C.A.T.T. interns.  
**Themis Honor Society -** University of South Florida.

## HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

- Eagle Scout**  
**Comprehensive School Reform Grant Recipient - (\$450,000)**  
**District Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year**  
**President of Phi Delta Kappa**  
**District School Board Policy Reviser**  
**BEST Program Grant Writer and Oversight Committee -** One of eight individuals who wrote, earned and coordinated the implementation of a \$7 million dollar career ladder program.  
**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/CASI -** Chairman  
**Negotiating Team Member -** Instructional  
**Panasonic Foundation Leadership Associates Program Team Member**  
**District Discipline Committee**  
**Elementary School Design Team**  
**Employee Assistance Team Committee**  
**Middle School Design Team**  
**District Elementary Principal of the Year Finalist**  
**Teacher of the Year Finalist at Seven Springs Elementary**  
**Heroism Award**  
**International Reading Association Grant Recipient**  
**U-Save Creativity Grant Recipient**  
**GTE Foundation Grant Recipient**  
**WCRES Radio -** Created a school radio station which was featured in the Pasco Times and on Cable T.V. (Florida News Channel).  
**Continuos Progress Academy Assistant Group Leader**  
**Guinness Book of World Records**

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**West Pasco Chamber of Commerce Executive Board - First Chair** (present)

**Freedom March Chair** - Interagency march and safety event developed with the local Sheriff's Department, homeowners associations, church and school community to improve the safety of the community and recognize our veterans. Over 1,000 individuals attended including numerous dignitaries such as State Senator Mike Fasano, Representative John Legg, Sheriff Bob White, and County Commissioner Ann Hildebrand. (2007)

**Business Development Week Co-Chair** - developed a week long program of workshops and business expos for individuals from high school students, to those starting new businesses, all the way to the largest employers in the district. (present)

**Relay for Life Children's Walk Chair** (2008)

**Emergency Operations Center** - Pasco County Shelter Coordinator (present)

**Holiday Rotary Member** - (present)

**Boy Scouts of America District Board of Directors**

**Eight Gallon Blood Donor**

**Community Service Special Recognition Award**

**Cub Scout Troop Leader**

**Y.M.C.A. Flag Football Coach / Youth Soccer Coach**

**U.S.F. Children's Festival** - Initiated and supervised the entire production of an educational activity day for over two thousand students ages 3 - 14.

**Soup Kitchen** - Supervised a soup kitchen to over 600 needy for a period of six months.

## **STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

**Administrative State Trainer** - William Cecil Golden School Leadership Program  
**Certified Development Dimensions International Trainer** - certified to instruct in over sixty programs - Interaction Management

**ESOL Endorsement**

**Florida District School Superintendents New Principal Academy**

**Instructional Technology Training**

**Florida Leaders.net Principal Institute** - Technology

**STAR Teacher Trained** - interview tool

**Gallup Teacher Perceiver Trained** - interview tool

**Facilitative Leadership**

**Interaction Management Training**

**\*Complete Staff Development list and references available upon request.**