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Buckeye Educators Selected for Aspiring Principal Program
*Maricopa County Education Service Agency identified two District educators
for the MCESA Aspiring Principal Program*

BUCKEYE, Ariz. – (May 30, 2017) – Two Buckeye Elementary School District educators have been selected for the highly competitive Maricopa County Education Service Agency’s (MCESA) Aspiring Principals program. Jason Bourne, WestPark Elementary School assistant principal and Karen Peyer, a sixth-grade teacher at Buckeye Elementary School will start the year-long professional learning experience in June. The MCESA Aspiring Principals program is a rigorous and robust program where participants engage in leadership protocols to better equip them to lead in a high needs setting.

“MCESA is highly selective in choosing a limited number for each year’s program, so it is quite an honor for me to be a part of this talented group this upcoming year,” said Bourne.

“It was a very intensive process that solidified why being accepted into a mentorship program like the MCESA Aspiring Principal Program is so valuable. I am now on the road I have thought I was capable of doing and aspiring to do,” Peyer added.

The participants in the Aspiring Principals program participate in an intensive two-week summer course, as well as seminars throughout the coming year. In addition, the students are grouped with two principal mentors, their home school principal and a Rodel Exemplary Principal, who will help develop skills and competencies during the residency program.

“This is an exciting opportunity for Jason and Karen, as well as the Buckeye Elementary School District,” said Dr. Kristi Sandvik, BESD Superintendent. “This program will provide the tools to become a visionary, entrepreneur and passionate leader, which will increase outcomes and opportunities for our schools, and especially our students.”

Prior to becoming a MCESA managed program, the Aspiring Principals was designed by the Rodel Foundation of Arizona. The foundation is a non-profit organization driven to create a world-class system of public schools in Arizona through partnerships and the development of innovative initiatives.

About BESD

Buckeye Elementary School District, Arizona District 33, is a PreK-8 school district in Buckeye, Ariz. educating more than 5,200 students and employing more than 600 staff. The district consists of seven K-8 schools (Marionneaux Elementary School opens Aug. 2), a pre-school and family resource center. For more information about BESD go to www.besd33.org

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