New Superintendent for Mt. Edgecumbe

Dr. Bruce Johnson is on his way to Sitka. The superintendent of the Kodiak Island Borough School District has been hired to become the superintendent of Mt. Edgecumbe High School, starting this month.

Johnson has worked in Southeast Alaska before. He was assistant superintendent, then superintendent of the Juneau School District from 1983 until he moved to Kodiak in 1991.

Johnson replaces Dr. Lin Laughy, who resigned from the \$80,000 a year job to pursue private business interests.

"Dr. Johnson has strong academic credentials and a solid background in educational leadership," Commissioner of Education Shirley Holloway said in a written statement. "He has gained valuable experience in working with rural students and is highly respected by his peers."

Mt. Edgecumbe is a state-operated alternative school for Alaska's rural students. It teaches basic subjects and emphasizes Pacific Rim cultures and languages.