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**MCPS hires Amy Shattuck for Franklin Elementary School Principal and Jill Patton for Cold Springs Elementary School Principal**

Missoula County Public schools announced on Monday, April 21, 2014 in staff meetings at Franklin and Cold Springs Elementary Schools that their new principal positions have been filled with candidates reviewed by the staff and families. Ms. Amy Shattuck will serve as the principal of Franklin Elementary School and Ms. Jill Patton will serve as the principal of Cold Springs Elementary School. Both women will assume their new roles on July 1, 2014.

In a process that lasted three full days, ten candidates were reviewed out of the record 47 that applied for the two positions. MCPS is glad to receive this clear indication that our school district is on the move and leaders from across the country seek out positions and the opportunity to work within our school district.

Ms. Shattuck, a Missoula native, attended Paxson, Washington and Sentinel High School before advancing her education at Jamestown College and the University of Montana. With a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education and a Masters in School Counseling, Shattuck worked for the District as an elementary and middle school teacher at Lewis and Clark and C.S. Porter as well as a school counselor at Lewis and Clark. Shattuck, a Doctoral Candidate in Education Leadership at the University of Montana continued her leadership at Big Sky High School as a teacher on special assignment, Dean of Students and Assistant Principal.

Ms. Jill Patton is returning to her childhood home, she was raised in Missoula as the daughter of two local teachers. She earned her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Montana and then went to earn her Masters Degree from Idaho State University in Education Administration. Ms. Patton is currently the principal of Woodland Hills Elementary School in the Bonneville Joint School District in Idaho Falls, Idaho. She brings her 12 years of experience as an elementary principal, 5 years as a middle school leader and 7 years of teaching experience to her new position at Cold Springs Elementary School.

Dr. Alex Apostle is proud to see Ms. Shattuck advance her career within Missoula County Public Schools. He noted, "We believe deeply in supporting innovators and fostering leadership from within our ranks. Ms. Shattuck is a glowing example of one of Missoula's own rising to a level of excellence in instructional leadership." He also welcomes Ms. Patton back to Montana and into Missoula County Public Schools. "We are lucky to find an educational leader with deep experience

in instruction who also understands and appreciates the vision and the ambitions of our District,” commented Apostle.

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