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LEVENGOOD IN LINE FOR PRINCIPAL POST AT ANNA MARIA ELEMENTARY

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(Bradenton, FL. – January 8, 2007) Bayshore Elementary Principal Tom Levorgood has been recommended by Superintendent Dr. Roger Dearing to become the new principal at Anna Maria Elementary pending School Board approval of the move at its meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2007. If approved, Levorgood will replace former Anna Maria Principal Kathy Hayes, who is now the Principal at W.D. Gullett Elementary.

Now in his 31st year with the School District, Levorgood spent the last 12 ½ years as principal at Bayshore where he developed a reputation for enthusiastic and innovative leadership. Levorgood also served as an Assistant Principal at Daughtrey and Moody Elementary Schools and spent 17 years as a classroom teacher at Palma Sola Elementary.

“I’ve loved my time at Bayshore, but I’ve always felt that after you’ve been at one place more than 10 years, it’s a good idea to make a change to keep you fresh,” Levorgood said. “I spent nine years as a fourth grade teacher at Palma Sola, and then I switched to teaching first grade; and that move really caused me to renew my energies for the new challenge.”

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Although the Anna Maria job was posted, Director of Elementary Schools Tim Kolbe said the normal process of narrowing the list of candidates to three would be bypassed in this case because of Levensgood's extensive experience.

"The Superintendent has the authority to administratively appoint a person to a position in this instance," Kolbe said. "Tom has an excellent track record as a principal and we believe he'll be a great fit for the job at Anna Maria."

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