

THE MONADNOCK REGION

The Contoocook Valley School District (ConVal) is located in the Monadnock Region of Southwestern New Hampshire. The area offers a wonderful balance between natural beauty, a diverse economy, and cultural opportunities. The School District's Central Office is located in Peterborough, the hub of the nine-town district which boasts an array of services, stores, and cultural events. Peterborough is home to Eastern Mountain Sports, a national retailer of sporting and outdoor gear; numerous publications including a nationally distributed children's magazine, and computer-related publications; and SDE (Staff Development for Educators), a national firm providing professional development materials for teachers and administrators. The Old Farmer's Almanac and Yankee Magazine are published in Dublin, one of ConVal's member towns.

Mount Monadnock, located just southwest of Peterborough, draws hikers from all over the country and is one of the most-climbed mountains in the world. It is an inspiration to artists and writers. The region is crisscrossed with hiking, biking, and ski trails, and dotted with lakes for boating, fishing, and swimming. It is an easy drive to Keene, Nashua, Manchester, and Concord. Boston is just 90 minutes away.

Education and culture are an important part of life in our communities. Nearby colleges include Keene State College and Antioch New England Graduate School, both in Keene, and Franklin Pierce College in Rindge. Many cultural programs thrive in Peterborough including the nationally acclaimed artists' retreat, MacDowell Colony; the Sharon Arts Center; a well-known summer stock theater, Peterborough Players; the Peterborough Folk Music Society; and Monadnock Music, a summer music festival.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HIGH SCHOOL

The regional cooperative school district serves approximately 2,200 students from nine towns. There are eight elementary schools distributed throughout the District, two middle schools, and ConVal Regional High School, for which the District is seeking a new principal.

ConVal voters supported several building bond drives that resulted in additions, renovations, and new facilities for both middle schools, all eight elementary schools, and the High School. Also, the Region 14 Applied Technology Center (ATC), which draws students from ConVal and Conant high schools, was built in the 1990s on the ConVal campus. The ATC addition increased the physical footprint of the high school, and has provided ConVal students with a number of new learning opportunities in technology and practical arts.

The High School has developed a set of competencies and a formal statement of Student Learning Expectations.

ConVal student will demonstrate:

- Effective Communication
- Effective Problem Solving
- Effective Use of Knowledge
- Respect for Self and Others
- Contribution to School and Community

All ConVal schools have developed plans to encourage positive behavior techniques and good citizenship. Seven schools have pioneered the District's work with Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

Total Gross Budget for 2016-17: ~\$45,000,000

School Board: 13 members from nine towns

School Buildings, Grade Levels and Enrollments:

Antrim Elementary School, grades preK-4, 176 students

Pierce School (Bennington), grade K-4, 71 students

Dublin Consolidated School, grade K-5, 55 students

Francestown Elementary School, grades K-4, 74 students

Greenfield Elementary School, grades pre-K-4, 91 students

Hancock Elementary School, grades K-4, 51 students

Peterborough Elementary School, grades preK-4, 291 students

Temple Elementary School, grades K-4, 46 students

Great Brook School, (middle school in Antrim), grades 5-8, 255 students

South Meadow School (middle school in Peterborough), grades 5-8, 422 students

ConVal Regional High School (Peterborough), grades 9-12, 762 students

High School Administrative Staff: 6 Administrators (Principal, Dean of Faculty, Dean of Students, Athletic Director, School Counseling Director, Director of Applied Technology Center)

QUALITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION

- The holder of at least a master's degree
- An energetic, strong leader
- An effective communicator
- Certified as High School Principal
- A person with experience as a High School Administrator
- Experienced in a similar size high school as a teacher
- A visionary with an understanding of high performing high schools
- Committed to a coordinated K-12 district program
- An informed advocate of applied technology
- Experienced with building renovations
- A person who genuinely like working with teenagers