Bend school principal finalists named

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CMS and MVHS Principal Candidates Announced; Community forums will be held this week with Cascade Middle and Mountain View High finalists

Bend-La Pine Schools have announced the finalists for principal positions at Cascade Middle School and Mountain View High School for the 2007-08 school year.The finalists for the Cascade Middle School position are Brian Gander of Salem, Oregon; Michael Hecker of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Melissa Sandven of Portland, Oregon; and Carl Swan of Springfield, Oregon.Gander is currently Principal of Pringle Elementary School in Salem, Oregon. Gander has 13 years experience as a school administrator at the elementary and middle school levels in the Salem-Keizer School District as well as Californiaâ€™s Campbell Union and Dos Palos Oro Loma Unified School Districts.Hecker is currently Principal of Clague Middle School in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Hecker has nine years experience as a school administrator at the middle and high school levels in Michiganâ€™s Huron Valley and Ann Arbor Public Schools.Sandven is currently Principal of Hosford Middle School in Portland, Oregon. Sandven has 12 years experience as a school administrator at the middle and high school levels in Oregonâ€™s Portland and Gresham-Barlow Public Schools as well as in New Mexicoâ€™s Pojoaque Valley and Municipals Schools. Swan is currently Principal of Thurston Middle School in Springfield, Oregon. Swan has eight years experience at the elementary and middle school levels in the Springfield School District. The community is invited to meet the candidates for the Cascade Middle School position during a public forum at the school on Wednesday, March 14 at 3 p.m. in the library. The finalists for the Mountain View High School position are Michael Hecker of Ann Arbor, Michigan and Kathyrn Legace of Bend, Oregon. Legace is currently Principal of Pilot Butte Middle School in Bend, Oregon. Legace has ten years experience as an administrator at the middle and high school levels in the Bend-La Pine Schools. The community is invited to meet Hecker and Legacy during a public forum at Mountain View High School on Thursday, March 15 at 3 p.m. in the library. The community forums are the last step of a daylong interview process that will include formal panel interviews and writing and leadership tests.The community forums for the La Pine High, La Pine Elementary and Elk Meadow Elementary schools principal positions are expected to take place during the week of March 19.The new principals will begin July 1, 2007.