

John Bruce – Superintendent – Biography

Good Morning/Afternoon !! Thank-you for giving me the opportunity to be the Superintendent of the Odessa School District. A little bit about me. I am married and have 2 sons back in Minnesota, where my oldest son is a Sophomore at the University of Minnesota majoring in chemical engineering and my youngest is a 6th grader. My wife is currently transitioning into a position with the US Postal Service. The 2022-2023 School Year will be my 25th in Education. My Teaching Background is as a 5-12 Social Studies/Language Arts Teacher with a Coaching Background in Boys/Girls Basketball, Girls Softball, Baseball, with a little bit of Volleyball, Track and XC thrown in there. I have also officiated and umped quite a bit in Summer Leagues. My interests are anything Minnesota Vikings Football, team sports, traveling, cultural activities, and technology-related endeavors. I grew up in Winnebago, MN and received my High School Diploma from Blue Earth Area High School. I received my Bachelor's Degree from Minnesota State – Mankato in Education w/Social Studies Concentration, my M.ED from William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri and my Superintendent Credentialing from the University of North Dakota. In the State of Washington, I hold both a Superintendent and Principals certificate. In moving into Odessa, I am coming to you from the Pribilof School District in Western (Bush) Alaska where I am leaving as Superintendent/K-12 Principal/Technology Director/Assessment Coordinator. The Pribilof School District is located in St Paul, AK where the TV show "Deadliest Catch" is partially filmed. When I arrive (3rd week in June – depending on when my contract ends here), I will begin on July 1st. My office is always open. Please feel free to swing by. Looking forward to the opportunity !!

John Bruce
Incoming Superintendent
Odessa School District