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Ekanger Named Russell Elementary School Principal

PEACHTREE CITY, Ga. – Dr. Elaine B. Hinman, Director, Department of Defense (DoD) Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) announced today that Randy Ekanger, has been named the new principal of Russell Elementary School at Marine Corps Base Quantico. Ekanger will arrive July 26, to fill the position left vacant by Sam Bedford who will retire this year.

Currently Ekanger is the principal at Antilles Elementary School on the U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, where he resides with his wife, Karola. Born in Boise, Idaho, Ekanger earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Montana College and his master's degree from Albertson College of Idaho. He began his teaching career in 1975 and taught in the Montana and Idaho public schools, before joining the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA).

During his 19-year DoDEA career he has taught every grade level from pre-Kindergarten through grade 12. He has served in Okinawa, Germany, Korea, Japan and Puerto Rico, as both a teacher and an administrator. Ekanger is also an artist, having exhibited in the United States, Japan and Germany where he has won several first-place awards.

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