

DR. DENNIS DEMPSEY



Administrator, Teacher, Coach, Mentor - Dennis Dempsey, PhD, has been instrumental in the development of the Sisters School District for close to 30 years in all those categories and then some. Dr. Dempsey was the first principal of the renewed high school when it opened in 1992 after a 25 year absence, moving from Alaska with wife Nancy and their daughters. Dennis not only served as principal through 1999, he helped developed the curriculum for the new SHS and put key people in positions that would allow Outlaw students and athletic programs to flourish, always looking for innovative ways to help teachers and coaches elevate the students' experiences. He is recognized as an expert regarding the implementation of technology in schools, and used that expertise to keep Sisters schools on the technological cutting edge. Among his numerous accomplishments, Dr. Dempsey was the recipient of the Oregon Secondary School Principal of the Year award in 1995-1996 (after having also won in Alaska), and served as president of the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators. He has served as head coach and assistant coach of the track team over the years (including the state runner-up 1996 3A Boys team), stepped in twice to serve as interim superintendent, and has served in a number of other state and regional capacities (including superintendent of the High Desert Education Service District from 2000 – 2012 and superintendent of the Diocese of Baker). Said one of the teachers who has worked with him, Dennis is “one of those people who comes along once in a lifetime of faculty and students.”



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