

Bio for Dr. Steve Chestnut
Superintendent
Maricopa Unified School District

Dr. Steve Chestnut is the Superintendent of the Maricopa Unified School District, where he was appointed in 2012. During his tenure, the district has increased its letter grade from “C” to “B”, implemented a unique academic focus at each school, and last November the community approved a ten percent override proposal.

Chestnut served as superintendent of the Selah School District in Selah, WA, from 2009-2012, where he worked with the community to approve an operating levy and bond. He was the 2010 Washington State Superintendent of the Year. As superintendent of schools in Moses Lake, WA, from 1997-2009, Chestnut led his team to dramatic improvements in student achievement. He worked with the community to pass six consecutive local property tax levies; led the development of the Grant County Skill Center project; passed a \$34 million capital project bond and completed \$79 million in other capital projects.

He has served as an adjunct professor at Grand Canyon University, Heritage University and Eastern Washington University.

Dr. Chestnut received a Doctorate of Education from Seattle University, a Master’s of Business Administration from the City University of Seattle, and a BA from Pacific Lutheran University.

He and his wife Kellie live in Maricopa.