

# Robert L. Monson

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## **OBJECTIVE:**

To promote educational opportunities through strong leadership

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Elementary Principal

*Parkston School District (Fall 1997 – present)*

Supervise 40+ staff members and roughly 325 students in a public setting as well as two Hutterite Colony schools. Ensure curriculum is designed and delivered and that each child sees success. Oversee the Title One program as well as being involved with a number of other grants I have written. Served as an assistant golf coach one year, as well as a volunteer basketball and football coach for grade school students.

High School Principal / Superintendent

*Marty Indian School (Fall 1995 – Spring 1997)*

Supervised 20+ teaching positions and 110 students. Made sure curriculum was accomplished and handled discipline problems. For 6 months I served a dual role as the principal and superintendent in charge of approximately 150 staff members at a boarding school campus.

Business / Computer Teacher

*Marty Indian School (Fall 1991 – Spring 1995)*

Taught Junior High typing along with high school business and computer courses. Helped in the purchasing of cutting edge technology for the school at that time. Also served as the head boy's basketball coach as well as the assistant girls basketball coach.

Student Teacher

*Parkston High School (Fall 1990)*

Assumed all roles of a high school business teacher. Preparing and presenting lessons to support the district curriculum, managing the classroom, creating a positive learning environment, assessing student progress, serving as an active member of the school faculty, participating in parent/teacher conferences, etc.

Combat Medic

South Dakota Army National Guard (Operation Desert Storm 1990 – 1991)

Did battle field assessments of injured soldiers. Handled routine and traumatic injuries of soldiers. Awarded four different achievement medals for my actions.

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## **EDUCATION:**

- Superintendent Endorsement  
University of South Dakota (2010)
- Specialist Degree in Distance Education  
University of South Dakota (2000)
- Masters Degree in Elementary Administration  
University of South Dakota (1997)
- BS Degree in Business Education with a minor in computers  
Dakota State University (1988-1990)
- General studies with an emphasis in Business and Accounting  
University of South Dakota (1986-1988)
- General studies receiving a diploma  
Parkston High School (1985)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:**

Zone 7 Board Member for the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) (2007 – 2009)  
Community Food Bank volunteer  
Avera St. Benedict Foundation Board Member  
NAESP Member (1997 – present)  
South Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals (1997 – present)  
Board member for School Administrators of South Dakota  
President of SDAESP (2005 – 2006)  
Treasurer for SDAESP (1999 – 2002)  
Director for D.I.A.L. Interactive Learning Consortium (2000 – 2001)  
Director for Area 4 Principals SDAESP (2000 – 2001)  
Steering committee member for D.I.A.L. Interactive Learning Consortium  
Quartermaster for local Veterans of Foreign Wars Organization  
Member of local American Legion  
Gates Foundation project mentor for new elementary principals  
Co-facilitator for Technology Training and Leadership for School Administrators

## **AWARDS:**

SASD Outstanding Service Award (2009)  
South Dakota State Bass Federation Youth Volunteer Award (2008)  
SASD Little Red School House Award (2005)  
Instructional Leadership Award (2001)  
Nominated for Rookie of The Year Award (2000)

## **PRESENTER:**

TIE convention (2003) Business Book Buddies  
DDN (2003) Business Book Buddies  
DDN (2003) GIS in the classroom  
SASD Convention (2002, 2006) Curriculum Based Measurement  
NAESP Convention (2001) Curriculum Based Measurement  
SASD Convention (2001) Distance Learning Project  
TIE Convention (2001) Distance Learning Project