



SMALLER LEARNING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FALL 2011 PROJECT DIRECTORS MEETING

Keynote Speaker

Arthur O. Jarvis, Ed.D

Superintendent of Tacoma Public School District

Tacoma, WA

Arthur O. Jarvis became superintendent of the Tacoma Public School District on July 1, 2008, after serving as Interim since August 2007. He came to Tacoma from the Seattle School District where he was the Chief Financial Officer. Prior to Seattle School District he was superintendent for twenty-two years – eleven in Enumclaw and eleven in South Whidby.

Dr. Jarvis received his Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate from the University of Washington.

He is a member of several state and national education organizations, and has served in various office and Boards of those organizations. Dr. Jarvis has been a Rotarian since 1985 and has twice served as President in his local Rotary clubs in South Whidby Island and Enumclaw.

Dr. Jarvis was named Superintendent of the Year for the state of Washington in 2005 and was then a candidate for National Superintendent of the Year. In 2009 he was again named Superintendent of the Year by his peers.

He and his wife Sandy, have three children and seven grandchildren. Some of his hobbies are reading, fishing and numismatics.