



## Letter of Introduction for Mr. Danny R. Robinson

It is an honor to be selected as the Principal of Patch High School in Stuttgart beginning in 2011-2012. I bring with me a wealth of personal and professional experience.

I was born in Covington, Kentucky to a young couple who had 4 children before they were 20 years old. Thank goodness my dad decided to leave the farm and become a soldier. I was fortunate to be raised in an Army family which included my dad serving in the Special Forces and Rangers. He fought in Vietnam three times. Following in my dad's footsteps, I also served in the Army during 1971-1973 at Fort Knox and Heidelberg, Germany. With the G.I. Bill in hand, I attended Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, where I earned my Bachelor of Science, Masters, and Education Specialist Degrees.

My teaching career began in a small mountain location in Todd, North Carolina where I taught for 5 years in an elementary school. My first DoDDS assignment was at Osterholz-Scharmbeck Elementary School in northern Germany from 1981 to 1983. I then spent the next 12 years in Nuernberg, Germany teaching at all three levels of instruction: elementary, middle, and high school. I was also the golf coach, boys' and girls' basketball coach, and boys' and girls' soccer coach. Ironically, my teams would compete against Stuttgart and Patch High Schools. Not to worry, **I am definitely a Panther fan these days!** When the Nuernberg Military Community closed down, my wife Dorothea (also a DoDEA teacher) and I were transferred to Panama for two years where I taught middle school social studies. In 1997, we transferred to Kaiserslautern Middle School where I was a math teacher, as well as the soccer coach at the high school.

In 2001, I began my administrative portion of my career at Sembach Middle School. The reduced numbers at Sembach Middle School created an opportunity for me to work at Kaiserslautern High School as the Assistant Principal for one year. In 2005, I was offered a position as Principal of Baumholder Middle/High School where I soon realized that I could make a positive impact on the soldiers' children while they were on deployment. During my time at Baumholder, I was fortunate enough to be there through four deployments and my staff ensured that our school would support the mission by providing a stable and secure learning environment. During my 6-year tenure at Baumholder Middle/High School, we boosted the rigor of our curriculum significantly by increasing the number of Advanced Placement courses offered from three to seven and the number of exams taken before my arrival was just 38 and this year we administered 113 for a total of 47 students which is an average of 54% of our eligible juniors and seniors. The numbers in our Honors 9 and 10 classes have also increased. The success of our school depends on putting the right teachers in the right positions to increase student achievement.

My 26 years in the classroom and 10 years as an administrator at various levels has helped me to recognize quality teaching and learning. I will continue to use the talents of the teachers and staff in our school to ensure that students are working to their full potential. I make it my business to do what is best for students.

My vision for our school is to provide a caring and rigorous environment for the success of all students. This is accomplished through:

- Supporting both the academic and affective needs of students,
- Creating a stable environment in a deployable and transient community, and
- Focusing on the achievement of students at all levels.