



Before becoming principal of Jessie P. Miller Elementary, Dunn served as an assistant principal at three Manatee County schools from 2005 to 2009: Moody, Williams and Oneco elementary schools. Before that he was a data coach and classroom teacher at Bay Haven and Gocio elementary schools in Sarasota and served for two years as a Florida sales representative for Compass Learning.

He has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Florida State University and a master's in educational leadership from the University of South Florida.

Dunn has roots and strong connections in Sarasota. He went to Fruitville Elementary, McIntosh Middle and Sarasota High. "I'm excited to be coming back to this community and joining the Tatum Ridge family of students, parents and staff," he said.

Dunn's wife Heather teaches at Tuttle Elementary, his sister Wendy teaches at Venice High and his mother Kay was a media specialist at Gulf Gate Elementary before she retired.

He's proud of his history at local schools. Talking to Steven French about his time at Fruitville Elementary, Dunn said, "I won a sixth-grade spelling bee there. I think the award is still at the school."