Lisa L. Vrvilo has been principal of Cottonwood Creek School (CCS) in Wasila, Alaska for 10 years and has served Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District (MSBSD) as a teacher and administrator since 1995. Under her leadership, CCS has become the most requested of all 16 elementary schools in MSBSD, with about 40 percent of students attending through boundary exemptions, up from about 50 when she became principal. Vrvilo credits the high desirability of her school to its involved parent community, academic rigor, and demonstrated commitment to closing the achievement gap. She is dedicated to integrating technology into teaching and learning at CCS. For example, she successfully spearheaded a proposal to make CCS an optional STEAM school with an emphasis on art and technology. Through this proposal, she earned district support for iPad purchases for shared carts for K-2 and 1:1 devices in grades 3-5, as well as professional development from Apple. As a leader, Vrvilo says that she keeps data “at the forefront of planning, analyzing, problem solving, taking action, and either revising or celebrating.” Her team cultivates a growth mindset by openly involving students in data assessment so that they can identify areas for growth to set and achieve meaningful goals. Vrvilo holds an M.Ed. from University of Alaska Anchorage and a B.S. from the University of Oregon.