

Date: February 3, 2020

To: Media

From: Elias Erickson, Chair, Sitka School Board

RE: Interim Superintendent



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After a series of discussions with Superintendent Wegner, we were in agreement that her excellent work as our District leader has allowed Sitka Schools to make great strides in the implementation of our School Board goals of closing the achievement gap, and creating a more positive environment for students to learn in. Dr. Wegner has worked with our staff to make the systemic changes in our educational practices that are required to bring us to the very cutting edge of educational delivery in a world that is rapidly changing.

Initiating and executing the process required to work alongside our community and staff to determine who our next Superintendent will be will take time and a process that is simply not achievable before Dr. Wegner's departure date of June 30th, the end of her contract year. In light of this, we will be looking to quickly appoint an interim Superintendent for the 2020/2021 who can continue to do the work of our School Board goals, and keep the District operationally steady and sound while we focus our efforts on working alongside our Community and Sitka schools staff to determine what qualities we want in our next Superintendent and ultimately who that choice will be. This process must begin as soon as possible, therefore appointing an interim Superintendent for the 2020/20201 school year is our immediate priority. In the interest of seeing that the District continues to operate smoothly during this year of transition, we will be looking for interim candidates by asking that any person outside Sitka Schools, or employee within Sitka Schools who has a Type B certificate and is interested in the position please submit a letter of intent to our Board Secretary Ruth Joens by 4:30pm on Friday, March 13th.