

Selah School District to Conduct Superintendent Search

At last evening's regular scheduled school board meeting, the Selah School District Board of Directors approved the District's Superintendent Search beginning in March, 2010. The position will be posted March 26, and close on April 30.

"I want to commend the Board for its proactive response in establishing the superintendent search timeline," said Selah School District Assistant Superintendent, Chris Scacco. "The Board has placed the highest priority on the District's upcoming superintendent search as it recognizes the timeline in obtaining a quality candidate to lead Selah Schools."

Scacco continued, "Dr. Steve Chestnut has demonstrated top quality leadership abilities this year in his role as interim superintendent and his accomplishments speak for themselves, but it was always the intention of the school board to conduct a superintendent search this year."

Dr. Gene Sharratt, a consultant for Northwest Leadership Associates, and Director of the Washington State University Superintendent Certification Program, will facilitate the search process. Over the past 10 years, Northwest Leadership Associates has conducted superintendent searches in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, including successful searches locally in Yakima County.

In response to the community's desire to be involved in the superintendent search, the School Board has insured that the process will be comprehensive and involve staff and community input. This process will begin in early March.

Selah School District Board President Todd Trepanier said the Board is conducting a thorough search process in order to capture the needs of the community, staff and students.

"The Board appreciates the passion the community has for its schools and leaders," said Trepanier. "Through the selection process we want to focus on the needs of each stakeholder affected by the appointment of the new superintendent," said Trepanier. "The Selah community, staff and students need to be involved in this process and provide input on the qualities they envision the District's new leader should possess."

Trepanier continued, "On behalf of the School Board I want to thank Dr. Chestnut for his leadership this year in the Selah School District. Dr. Chestnut is a top quality educator and leader, as well as an outstanding individual and Selah Schools has been fortunate to have his leadership this year."

There will be no cost to the District for the search consultants.

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