



Derby Public Schools Exit Interview

Background Information

Employee Name: Amy Hannequin
Assignment: DHS/DMS Music
Date of Hire: 08/2012
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Interview Date: 08/2012
Interviewer: Sally Bonina/ Greg Gaillard

Questions

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1. What are the key factors in your decision to leave the Derby Schools?

The position in Derby is part-time. My new position is full time and has less of a commute.

2. Where do you plan to work next?

I am taking a full time position with the Bethel Public School District.

3. What do you regard as the strengths of the school or the district?

I believe that the teachers truly care and take pride and interest in the students. I believe that this helps nurture the students. Administration at the high school is supportive. The arts teachers are wonderful and give students 100%.

4. What recommendations would you offer for the improvement of your school or the district?

There is a strong need for electives in both the middle and high school. There are no technology courses, yet students are given computers that they do not know how to use. At the middle school, students are put into multiple general music classes where they only should be in one per rotation, because there are not enough electives.

5. What was your greatest disappointment during your time in Derby?

That the music program at the high school was never made full time, despite constant request. Students who do not sing or play an instrument have no music opportunities. Also, the scheduling conflict this year was an issue, not only because as a part-time employee, no position should start at the high school and end at the middle school, but this really destroyed the opportunity for clubs that we had built.

6. What was your proudest accomplishment during your time in Derby?

The music students accomplished a great deal, especially with the musicals. I know the amount of work myself and the students put into this and they were proud. And even though they felt like they weren't valued as musicians in district (something I constantly heard about throughout my years), they were proud.

7. Do you have any other observations or suggestions that might be of benefit to our school district?

Certainly take more notice of elective offerings. Also, discipline at both schools should be addressed. Technology is wonderful, but educating the students how to use it, is imperative.