

January 21, 2025

Dear Edina Public School Staff,

This evening, January 21, the board held a work session that contained important updates regarding the timing and process around the superintendent search replacing Dr. Stacie Stanley. The board felt it especially important to notify all Edina Public Schools' staff of these updates as soon as possible.

The board has become aware of Dr. Stanley's intention to start her tenure at St. Paul Public Schools this spring. While she is still negotiating her contract with St. Paul Public Schools, the best working knowledge we have right now is a transition date around the middle of April. Given this information, the board will hire an interim superintendent for the end of the 2024-2025 school year and the entirety of the 2025-2026 school year. We anticipate the search for a permanent superintendent to begin late fall of 2025. This ensures continuity of programs and services and enables us to have the time we need to fully engage stakeholders and attract and hire the best talent to lead our district into the future.

One theme the board has heard from repeated interactions with staff from all areas of the district is the importance of consistency and the ability to continue the work we are doing on our strategic plan. The board shares this interest and is placing importance on leadership who can harness and continue the great work our staff is already doing.

Our district's communications team is working on a tab on our website to provide the community with updates, as well as updates in the weekly newsletter from the district, *In The Buzz*. All subsequent information regarding the interim superintendent search will be found in both of those places up until an interim superintendent is named. At such time, we will send a special communication to you.

Sincerely,

The Edina School Board

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