

December 19th, 2024

Dear Edina Public Schools Cabinet Members, Principals, and Valued Staff,

This evening, the Edina School Board learned that Superintendent Dr. Stacie Stanley has been selected to lead the St. Paul Public School District, pending contract negotiations and approval. While we will miss her dynamic leadership, we also celebrate this incredible opportunity for her to pursue a role that aligns with her professional and personal aspirations.

As we prepare for this transition, we want to acknowledge the mixed feelings that come with such a significant change. Dr. Stanley has been a transformative leader, and her departure undoubtedly brings some uncertainty. Your work as leaders has been and will continue to be instrumental to our district's success, and your dedication, expertise, and collaboration are deeply valued and will continue to guide us forward.

The Board recognizes that transitions like this can bring anxiety and questions about the future. Please know that you will play an essential role in the process of moving forward. Your voice, input, and leadership are critical as we engage in the important work of identifying our next superintendent and ensuring a smooth transition. Please know that the continuity of Edina's mission, vision, values and our robust work around the strategic plan will not waver, nor will our commitment to excellence from both an educational and cultural perspective.

To that end, the Board has already begun working on a pathway forward and will be conducting a comprehensive and inclusive search, ensuring that we engage with stakeholders and gather feedback from our staff, students, families and community. We are committed to a thorough and transparent process that prioritizes the expectations and values of our community.

We will share updates on the process as they become available and encourage your involvement and feedback along the way. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in working towards our shared vision "For each and every student to discover their possibilities and thrive."

With appreciation and respect,

The Edina School Board  
Erica Allenburg  
Dan Arom  
Cheryl Barry  
Michael Birdman  
Karen Gabler  
Jen Huwe  
Elliot Mann