

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

**DATE** : JUNE 15, 2026  
**TO** : BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**FROM** : HUMAN RESOURCES  
**SUBJECT** : CERTIFIED STAFF APPOINTMENT

**COMMENTS:**

Due to a leave of absence, a vacancy exists for a Science Teacher at Bemidji High School. Ms. Rachael Cota is recommended for this position. Ms. Cota received her Bachelor's and Master's degree from Bemidji State University. She previously taught at Little Falls Community Schools. She will be placed at MA step 12 on the salary schedule.

Due to movement of staff, a vacancy exists for a .70 FTE Physical Education Teacher at Gene Dillon Elementary School. Mr. Thorin Erickson is recommended for this position. He received his Bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University. He previously taught in a long term substitute assignment with Bemidji Area Schools. He will be placed at BA step 2 on the salary schedule.

A vacancy exists for a Mathematics Teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Ms. Sylvia Johannes is recommended for this position. Ms. Johannes received her Bachelor's Degree from Bemidji State University. She previously taught at Laporte School District. She will be placed at BA+20 step 9 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for an Elementary Teacher at Gene Dillon Elementary School. Ms. Bridget Stalboerger is recommended for this position. Ms. Stalboerger received her Bachelor's Degree from Bemidji State University and Master's Degree from Concordia University-Saint Paul. She previously taught at Cass Lake-Bena School District. She will be placed at MA+20 step 10 on the salary schedule.

Due to a resignation, a vacancy exists for a Band Teacher at Bemidji Middle School. Ms. Katrina Stewart is recommended for this position. Ms. Stewart received her Bachelor's and Master's degree from Bemidji State University. She previously taught at Clearbrook-Gonvick Schools, Bemidji Area Schools and most recently at Blackduck Schools. She will be placed at MA step 10 on the salary schedule.