

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

**DATE:** MAY 15, 2023  
**TO:** BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**FROM:** JORDAN HICKMAN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
**SUBJECT:** RELEASE FROM CONTRACT REQUESTS

**COMMENTS:**

Ryan Schafter, a school psychologist at Related Services, is requesting to be released from his 2023-24 contract at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Amanda Templin, a special education teacher at Gene Dillon Elementary School, is requesting to be released from her 2023-24 contract at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Ms. Templin will be relocating to Grand Rapids, MN.

Doris Vleck, an elementary teacher at Horace May Elementary School, is requesting to be released from her 2023-24 contract at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Ms. Vleck is retiring.

Nora Illies, a language arts teacher at Bemidji Middle School, is requesting to be released from her 2023-24 contract at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Brigitta Nicoson, an elementary teacher at Gene Dillon Elementary School, is requesting to be released from her 2023-24 contract at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Ms. Nicoson will be moving out of the area.

Kristin Monkman, a physical education/health teacher at Bemidji Middle School, is requesting to be released from her 2023-24 contract at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Tyler McNamara, an elementary teacher at Gene Dillon Elementary School, is requesting to be released from his 2023-24 contract at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Cassandra Leeport, an English teacher at Bemidji High school, is requesting to be released from her 2023-24 contract at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Ms. Leeport will be moving out of state.

Wendy Nyegaard, Title I teacher at Gene Dillon Elementary School, is requesting to be released from her 2023-24 contract at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Ms. Nyegaard is retiring.