

**BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS  
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

**DATE:** JULY 19, 2021  
**TO:** BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**FROM:** JORDAN HICKMAN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
**SUBJECT:** RELEASE FROM CONTRACT REQUEST

**COMMENTS:**

Risto Kultala, an elementary physical education teacher at Northern Elementary School, is requesting to be released from his 2021-22 contract effective June 3, 2021.

James Wheeler, a special education teacher at J. W. Smith Elementary School, is requesting to be released from his 2021-22 contract effective June 3, 2021.