

**NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
Tuesday, July 23, 2019 – 12:00 p.m.
Mark Sanford Education Center, 2400 47th Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND**

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION

- A. Appointment of Interim Principal at Elroy H. Schroeder Middle School

III. ADJOURNMENT

Any person who requires an auxiliary aid or service to allow access or participation at a school board meeting is asked to notify the superintendent's office (787-4880) at least one day before the meeting.



Mission Statement
Grand Forks Public Schools will provide an environment of educational excellence that engages all learners to develop their maximum potential for community and global success.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 23, 2019
TO: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent
FROM: Catherine Gillach, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education *CG*
RE: Appointment of Interim Principal at Elroy H. Schroeder Middle School

I am pleased to recommend **Mr. Christopher Douthit** as the Interim Principal at Elroy H. Schroeder Middle School. Mr. Douthit has 27 years of experience in Grand Forks Public Schools, including teaching at Schroeder Jr. High School, and serving as an Associate Principal at both Valley Middle School and Red River High School. Douthit has a bachelor's degree in middle-level education, a master's degree in geographic education, and an educational leadership credential, all from the University of North Dakota. Most recently, Douthit worked as a violence prevention educator for the Community Violence Intervention Center.

Twenty-five applicants for ESMS's principal opening were reviewed, and seven interviewed in two separate rounds by a comprehensive committee prior to seeking an interim principal. Mr. Douthit's background in middle-level education, proven leadership abilities, open communication style, knowledge of Marzano teaching and learning strategies, and positive disposition make him the top candidate for this one-year position. The district will repost this position early next academic year and work diligently to secure a long-term principal.

The assignment is due to the resignation of Angelique Gunderson. Contingent upon board approval, Mr. Douthit will resign his current seat on the Grand Forks School Board as it may be construed as a conflict of interest.

The Administrative recommendation is to approve Mr. Christopher Douthit as interim principal at Elroy Schroeder Middle school at a salary of \$126,328.