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### **Superintendent Search: Finalist Selected**

Fairview, OR

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The Reynolds School District Board members are pleased to announce they have selected Dr. Danna Diaz as the finalist in their search for a new Superintendent position. The Board has entered into contract negotiations with Dr. Diaz and she is expected to start July 1, 2018 as retiring Superintendent Dr. Linda Florence leaves her position at the end of the 2017-18 school year.



Dr. Diaz is currently the Superintendent of Schools for San Juan Island School District in Friday Harbor, WA. She holds a doctoral degree in Education Administration from University of Texas, a master's degree in Pre-School Education from University of Houston, and a bachelor's degree from University of Marcy Hardin-Baylor. Previous to working with San Juan Islands School District, she was Assistant Superintendent of El Paso Independent School District (20,000 students), Director of Student Engagement at Fort Worth Independent School District (80,000 students), Regional Superintendent of the School District of Philadelphia (130,000 students), and Statewide Technical Assistance Provider and Education Specialist at Dallas Independent School District (157,000 students). She also was Elementary Principal in Round Rock, TX, District Bilingual Coordinator in La Porte, TX, and bilingual elementary teacher in Houston, TX and Pasadena, CA.

Executive recruitment consultants McPherson & Jacobson, LLC initially reviewed 33 applicants from 17 different states who applied for the open position and offered eight highly qualified candidates for the board to review. The board narrowed that selection to four they invited for the interview process. Candidates were interviewed by the board and met with various stakeholder

groups including administrative personnel, staff union groups, parent groups, students, and community partners during the week of April 9-13, 2018. The board received sealed comments and input from each stakeholder group on the four candidates, which were carefully reviewed during their six hours of deliberation on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

“We are thrilled the various stakeholder groups were able to offer us valuable input during the process of choosing the finalist for the Superintendent position,” said Reynolds School Board Chair Joe Teeny. “With the qualifications and skills Dr. Diaz will be bringing to our district along with the positive connection and feedback she received from the stakeholder groups, we are confident in her ability to lead our district for years to come.”

For more information on the process of selecting a new Superintendent of Schools, please visit the Reynolds School District website at [www.Reynolds.k12.or.us](http://www.Reynolds.k12.or.us) and click on the Superintendent Search link.

