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Manitou Springs School District 14 Names Superintendent Finalists

Manitou Springs, CO - The Manitou Springs School District Board of Education announced finalists for the position of superintendent at a special meeting on April 3, 2023. Four finalists were selected. They are listed below in alphabetical order.

Andy Burns

Mr. Burns is currently Executive Director of Student Support Services in Pueblo School District 60. He previously served as Director of Human Resources in Pueblo, and as Deputy Superintendent and Chief Operations Officer in the Durango School District. Mr. Burns also has experience serving as a college administrator at Ft. Lewis College, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Denver. He began his education career as a middle school and high school teacher, and served two terms on the Durango School District Board of Education.

Sean Dorsey

Mr. Dorsey is Assistant Superintendent for the Sand Creek Zone in School District 49. He previously served as Wasson High School Principal in Colorado Springs District 11 and as assistant principal in the Fountain-Ft Carson and Widefield School Districts. Mr. Dorsey began his career as a special education teacher in Greeley, Colorado.

Jim Fraley

Mr. Fraley is currently Assistant Superintendent of Instruction for the Laramie County School District in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He previously served as principal at Meadowlark and Anderson Elementary Schools in Cheyenne and previously taught both third and sixth grades.

Jim Smith, Ph.D.

Dr. Smith is Assistant Superintendent for Strategic Planning and Community Engagement in Academy District 20. He previously served Academy District 20 as Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, Executive Director for Learning Services, Eagleview Middle School Principal and Dean of Students at Aspen Valley High School. Dr. Smith previously taught

English in New Mexico at a boarding school for Native students and at an alternative night school for at-risk students.

Community members will have a chance to learn more about the candidates and meet them during an upcoming meet-and-greet event.

Meet-and-Greet

What: The Manitou Springs community will have a chance to meet the candidates at a meet-and-greet event.

Where: Manitou Springs High School's small gym

When: April 20

Time: 6:00 p.m.

The four finalists will interview with stakeholder committees and the Board of Education on Friday, April 21, 2023.

ABOUT MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

Established in 1872, Manitou Springs School District 14 (MSSD14) serves approximately 1,350 students from Preschool to 12th Grade who reside in the communities of Manitou Springs, Cascade, Green Mountain Falls, Chipita Park, Crystal Park, and Cedar Heights. The district also serves about 48 percent "choice" students who come from other locations in El Paso and Teller Counties.

MSSD14 offers a "small town" educational environment driven by the core values of relationships, deep learning and opportunity. The district and its staff are dedicated to providing a safe and caring learning environment, encouraging all students to reach their potential and preparing responsible citizens.

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