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Manitou Springs School District #14 Superintendent Search Update

MSSD14 Community:

As many of you know, Superintendent Ed Longfield will retire at the end of the 2018/2019 school year. Our District has enjoyed ten wonderful years with our “head learner” at the helm of MSSD14. As we move forward with the hiring process, we will be looking to each of you to give feedback and help us select another amazing leader for our School District. Every change brings about new opportunities. We, the Board of Education, are up for the task of conducting a Superintendent Search and have full confidence in our current administration, faculty and staff.

The Board wants to be transparent and inclusive as we move forward. We have engaged the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) to assist us with our Superintendent search and independent consultant, John Merriam has been hired by the District to facilitate the search process. In early April, we will begin meeting with focus groups from the school and community. It is our intention to post the job opening by April 20th. In addition to the focus groups and interview committees, we will also have a “Meet and Greet” event with the finalists. Weekly reports and updates will be included in the Mustang Momentum and Pikes Peak Bulletin. The nationwide search will conclude on May 31, 2019 when the Board of Education will formally announce the new superintendent. By July 1st of this year, we will have an inspiring new leader in place to launch us into the next school year and beyond.

As a reminder during this time of transition, we have a lot to be proud of at MSSD14. One hundred percent of our parents and kids, choose us for their child’s education. In 2018, our state accreditation ranking was Accredited with Distinction, the highest possible ranking from the Colorado Department of Education. In 2017, we were the recipients of the Governor’s Award for School Health and Wellness. We are an amazing school district and our community is proud of who we are and what we offer.

Thank you for believing in MSSD14.

~ The MSSD14 Board of Education