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PSD Announces New Human Resources Executive Director, New Chief Financial Officer

Gig Harbor, WA – Superintendent Bahr is pleased to announce two new members to the district's leadership team. Dan Dizon will serve as the new Human Resources Executive Director, beginning July 1. Current Executive Director Caroline Antholt is retiring in June after many years with the Peninsula School District. PSD also named Ashley Murphy as the new Chief Financial Officer starting on July 1. The current Chief Financial Officer, Karen Andersen, is retiring August 31, 2022.

Dizon was selected from a strong pool of applicants after an extensive interview process with many of PSD's stakeholders and the superintendent before being chosen for the role of Human Resources Executive Director.

"Our team is excited about the wealth of experience and knowledge Dan Dizon will bring to the role," Peninsula School District Superintendent Krestin Bahr said.

Dizon has been involved in education for several decades. Some of his experience includes dean of students and principal, as well as the Human Resources Administrator and Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction at Mukilteo School District.

He is a collaborative leader who focuses on relationships, removing barriers, results and improving systems that support and sustain for retention, recruitment, and hiring staff who greatly impact our students' success.

"I'm thrilled and privileged to be starting a next chapter in the child-centered Peninsula School District and being a part of the strategic plan goals to support the mission, vision, and values," said Dizon.

Dizon grew up in Gig Harbor and when he isn't working he enjoys traveling, kayaking, reading, outdoor activities, and spending time with his family. Dizon has two daughters and one grandchild.

Murphy will also join PSD this summer. Murphy brings a broad experience to the district, having worked for multiple state departments, two local school districts, and having served in the United States Air Force. She is a hands-on, collaborative leader who was recognized by the Washington Association of School BUbusiness Officials as one of Washington's "rising business leaders."



Murphy also competed among a strong applicant pool. As the Chief Financial Officer, she will overview all budgeting, spending, and money matters at PSD. In her current role as the Chief Financial Officer for the Federal Way School District, she has strengthened policies, procedures and practices while increasing efficiency of operations.

“I am excited for the opportunity to join the Peninsula School District team,” Murphy said. “I hope my focus on transparency, understanding the ‘bottom line,’ and communicating the ‘why’ as it impacts our educational programs will continue to aid the valuable work already being done.”

“I believe Ashley Murphy will be a tremendous asset to us while we work on our new five-year strategic plan, and start a new chapter at the Peninsula School District,” Bahr said.

Murphy is a mother of four children ranging in ages from newborn to 17-years-old. She enjoys spending time with her family when she’s not at the office.

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