

Dear Blind Brook Community members,

As detailed in his recent email, Dr. Colin Byrne has announced his retirement as Superintendent of the Blind Brook School District, effective at the end of the current school year.

A valued member of the District since September 2003, Dr. Byrne first joined Blind Brook as a computer teacher and technology staff developer in the High School. Over the last two decades, he also served as the Director of Technology and the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, and a purposeful advocate for project-based learning. For many years, Dr. Byrne has been a welcome presence at every Fall Fest, Homecoming, PTA plant sale, band concert and theatrical performance, both Middle School and High School.

Three years ago, Dr. Byrne took the helm at a difficult point in our District's history and has made significant contributions since, overseeing the completion of the construction project at the Bruno M. Ponterio Ridge Street School, developing a Strategic Plan for the District and helping to craft the Vision of a Graduate – while always remaining dedicated to the students, families, faculty and the community that make up our District. Dr. Byrne's tenure has been marked by diligence, integrity and an openness to dialogue.

The Board intends to conduct a thorough search for our next Superintendent and is committed to finding a new Superintendent that will continue the good work of Dr. Byrne in maintaining the educational standards of the District, working closely with the administrative team to maintain continuity in our programs and to support our students, teachers, faculty and staff during this period of transition.

Our work to find the next Superintendent begins now with a Request for Proposals to search firms to assist our Board in the process. Once the Board selects a search firm, we will develop a timeline for the search process, which will include opportunities for the community to provide input in identifying the qualities we are looking for in our next Superintendent.

As the process goes on, we will be sharing information about the search during our public meetings, via email and on the Board's page of the District website. Community members who have questions or feedback are always welcome to reach out to us at emailtheboe@blindbrook.org.

We thank Dr. Byrne for his many years of leadership and we look forward to celebrating him as the year goes on.

Sincerely,

The Blind Brook Board of Education

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