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FARGO BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES THREE FINALISTS FOR POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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The Fargo Board of Education announces the selection of three finalists for the position of superintendent of schools. Finalist interviews will be held the week of February 24, 2025.

The finalists will be interviewed by the Board of Education from 8:15-10:15 a.m. in the Board Room at the District Office, located at 700 7th Street South in Fargo. The finalists will also be interviewed throughout the day by administrators, community members, support staff members, and educators.

A time will be reserved each interview day for the media to interview the finalists; the candidate will be available to interview with the media at 5:15 p.m. at Agassiz, 1305 South 9th Avenue, in Room #250. Media representatives can utilize the north parking lot off of 8th Avenue, enter the main doors (Door 1) and follow the directional signs to Room #250.

The Fargo Board of Education will meet in special session on Friday, February 28 at 8:30 a.m. in the District Office Board Room to discuss the finalist interviews and select an individual to offer a contract to be the District's next superintendent of schools.

The finalists are as follows:

Mr. Vincent Williams



Vincent Williams serves as the assistant superintendent for secondary schools in West Fargo Public Schools, a position he has held since 2021. Williams began his career in education with Fargo Public Schools in 2003 as a homebound tutor, substitute teacher, and paraprofessional. He taught social studies at Woodrow Wilson High School (now Dakota High School) from 2004-06. He then served as a social studies teacher at North High School from 2004-2014. He began in administration as an administrative intern for Kennedy and Lincoln Elementary Schools for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years. He transitioned to the District's English Learners coordinator and assistant principal for Woodrow Wilson High School for the 2016-17 school year and served as the principal of Discovery Middle School from 2017-2020. Prior to his current role, he served as

the principal of Sheyenne High School in the West Fargo Public Schools for the 2020-21 school year.

Williams holds a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education Social Studies with a minor in economics from Minnesota State University Moorhead and a Master of Science degree in Curriculum and Instruction from MSUM. He holds his administration credentials from North Dakota State University.

Williams will be interviewed on Tuesday, February 25.

Dr. Cory Steiner



Dr. Cory Steiner serves as the superintendent of the Northern Cass School District, a position he has held since 2014. He began his career in education as a social studies teacher and athletic director at Rhame High School in Rhame, N.D. From 2000-04, he was a social studies teacher and technology director at Beulah Middle and High School in Beulah, N.D. He began in administration as a principal and activities director at Des Lacs-Burlington High School in Des Lacs, N.D., where he served from 2004-06. He served as an assistant principal at West Fargo High School from 2006-2011 and as the principal of West Fargo High School from 2011-12. Prior to his current position, he served as the Statewide Longitudinal Data System data steward for the State of North Dakota.

Dr. Steiner also serves as chair of the Education Standards and Practices Board, The Village Family Service Center (starting in March), and Rural Cass Special Education, while also serving on the Southeast Education Cooperative Board of Directors. He is an adjunct professor for the University of Jamestown and University of North Dakota.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Composite Social and Behavioral Science in Teaching from Dickinson State University, a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of North Dakota, and a Doctor of Education from the University of North Dakota.

Dr. Steiner will be interviewed on Wednesday, February 26.

Dr. Robert Lech



Dr. Robert Lech serves as the superintendent of Jamestown Public Schools, a position he has held since 2013. He began his career in education as a Grades 7-12 social studies and English teacher, principal and activities director in Tappen Public Schools, Tappen, N.D. from 2000-02. He served as a Grades 7-12 teacher at the Richland #44 School District in Colfax, N.D. from 2002-04. He served as the principal and activities director for the Mt. Pleasant School District in Rolla, N.D. from 2004-05. He was the superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant School District from 2005-08. Prior to his current position, he served as the superintendent of the Beulah Public School District in Beulah, N.D. from 2008-2013.

Dr. Lech serves as the president of the North Dakota Association of School Administrators, president of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement, and vice-chair of the North Dakota State Investment Board. He was the North Dakota 2017 Superintendent of the Year.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in History Education and a minor in English education from Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., a Master of Education in School Administration from the University of Mary in

Bismarck, N.D., and a Doctor of Education from the University of Mary with a research focus on effective school board governance.

Dr. Lech will be interviewed on Thursday, February 27.

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