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The Search for a Superintendent

Have you found yourself wondering what Grant School District 3 will do without Superintendent Mark Witty? You will be thankful to know there is a plan, and the school board is currently advertising for the position!

In 2023, Witty agreed to come out of retirement, accepting a three-year contract with Grant School District 3. With 33 years of experience, including 12 years as Principal of Grant Union High School and five years as Superintendent for Grant School District 3, Witty returned to bring stability to the district. “I have genuinely enjoyed coming out of retirement to serve Grant SD #3 over the past three years. This work has given me the meaningful opportunity to reconnect with students, staff, and community members—both past and present.”

While many staff and students have been hoping this third year would never come, the search for a new superintendent has begun. The board began the process by opening the September board meeting to public comments regarding what qualities, qualifications, and duties people would like to see in the next superintendent. This information was then used to create a job description, widely advertising the position. A panel of parents, staff members from each school, and local community members has been formed in order to help the school board sort through applications and conduct interviews. This panel includes Mitch Wilson, Renee Hollowell, Kristal Hansen, Brad Armstrong, Stacy Durych, Andrea Combs, Janine Attlesperger, Mike Shaffer, Shanna Northway, Bryanna Gabbard, Bree Waley, and Gary Vanderstelt.

Applications will be accepted until early January, at which time the panel will meet to review applications, making their recommendations to the board. Interviews

will be held with both the screening panel and the school board, as well as a tour of district facilities, student interactions, and a meet and greet time, followed by an executive session board meeting to determine the top candidate. The board will then negotiate a contract and introduce the next superintendent in February. Witty is excited for the future of Grant School District 3. “Our board and staff remain dedicated to fully implementing the Grant SD #3 Strategic Plan, and I am confident that the next superintendent will continue advancing the District to new heights.”

