



# SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Smyrna School District Board of Education would like to update our families, staff, and community about some changes happening across the District. At last night's meeting the Board named Mrs. Deb Judy as interim Superintendent. Mrs. Judy has served as Assistant Superintendent for many years and is well versed in the day-to-day operations of the District. The Board has complete confidence in Mrs. Judy's abilities to lead the district and will continue to provide any resources or support needed. With that in mind, the Board has contracted Derek Prillaman, of Prillaman Educational Services, to consult with the District and provide services during this time. Mr. Prillaman is a Smyrna graduate who returned to the District as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal. He then went on to various administrator roles with Caesar Rodney and Woodbridge School Districts, retiring as Assistant Superintendent. With his Smyrna roots and outside experience, we are excited for the positive impact he can bring to the District.

The Board would also like to take this time to announce that we will be conducting an expansive search for our next Superintendent. While we don't know the timeframe this search may take, please know that we will ensure our thorough due diligence in this process. We will find the person to lead the next generation of Smyrna Eagles to future success in all areas. We thank everyone for their patience as this process carries out. We continue to have complete faith in the current team's ability to run the District successfully in the interim. We are excited to see what the future brings as we continue the excellence of the Smyrna School District.

Thank you,

Smyrna School District Board of Education.

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