

Lafayette School District Accepts Resignation of Superintendent

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According to the Lafayette School District, "Dr. Frank Tom has announced that he is resigning as Superintendent for personal reasons. At its regular meeting on June 24, the Governing Board regretfully accepted his resignation effective July 1." Lafayette School District Governing Board President Stephenie Teichman said Dr. Tom "disclosed his reasons for resigning to the Board confidentially at the time of his resignation." After serving as Superintendent for one year, Dr. Tom addressed Lafayette parents in a letter dated June 24 saying "It has been a pleasure meeting many of you throughout the year, and it has been an honor for me to be associated with parents who care deeply about their children's education and welfare."

After accepting Dr. Tom's resignation, "the Lafayette School District Governing Board met in

closed session this week for the purpose of developing a process for the superintendent search. In consultation with Hazard Young Attea (HYA) search consultant firm, the Governing Board has developed a process for the superintendent search. The contract with HYA (which is still active from the terms from the previous search) will allow the District to avoid the payment of consulting fees, other than the reimbursement of expenses incurred on the Board's behalf." After July 1, applicants may apply for the position at www.hyasupersearches.com. The Governing Board hopes to begin interviewing candidates by the end of July. President Teichman said "Director of Student Services Dana Sassone will serve as Acting Superintendent until the end of the search process." For updates, please visit the District's website at www.lafsd.k12.ca.us.

As previously reported, Governing Board member David Stromberg announced his required resignation due to his move to unincorporated Lafayette. President Teichman said "we will need to fill the 2 years remaining on his 4 year term." According to the District website, "there will be two regular 4-year positions expiring and one short term 2-year position, due to the vacancy caused by Mr. Stromberg's resignation." Interested applicants should contact the Contra Costa County Election Department. The District will be holding an informational meeting prior to the filing deadline (August 8) for all interested candidates. Contact Jennifer Sabroe at the Lafayette School District Office (phone 925-299-3502 or email jsabroe@lafsd.k12.ca.us) to be notified of the date and time of the informational meeting.