

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Masconomet Regional School District Announces Superintendent Retiring and Search for Replacement

### **Superintendent Dr. Lyons is Retiring:**

The Masconomet Regional School Committee reluctantly announces the retirement of the District Superintendent, Dr. Kevin Lyons, effective June 30, 2019. Dr. Lyons will have served the District for five years. Key accomplishments during this period include the promotion of curriculum and classroom structural changes to address the needs of all students, including the use of co-teaching and "Pathways," the successful launch of a 1:1 computer device program enabling students and teachers to access technology when needed and the enhancement of the District's in-house capabilities to address the needs of our special needs students.

Dr. Lyons also led a representative committee of staff, parents, students, and community to create a new vision that reflects Masco's values and articulates what is wanted for students and graduates who need different skill sets and different abilities and attributes to meet the challenges of the future work force and society. The launch of Vision 2025 has begun and will be a helpful roadmap to the future leader of Masconomet.

"We wish Dr. Lyons the best of luck in his retirement," said Committee Chair, William Hodges. "We were able to have him extend his contract for this year and would have lengthened it beyond that, but we understand his decision. We thank him for leaving the District in great shape and with a vision for the future."

### **Search for his Successor:**

The Masconomet School Committee has created a Superintendent Search Committee with School Committee members Zillie Bhujju from Topsfield, Tasha Cooper from Middleton and Carolyn Miller, Chair, from Boxford. The School Committee has engaged the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) to assist in the search for the next superintendent. The goal is to hire a replacement by December 31.

### **Join the Search:**

As part of the search process to replace Dr. Lyons, the Masconomet School Committee will appoint a Superintendent Screening Committee comprised of the three school committee members mentioned previously and approximately nine members who are parents, residents, staff, or public officials. Screening Committee members will participate in the process of screening candidates and recommending a number of semi-finalists for interview by the full Masconomet School Committee.

If you are interested in serving, please send a letter of interest giving a brief summary of your background and desire to serve on the Screening Committee by September 27, 2018 to: Ms. Jacqueline Bolduc, executive assistant to the superintendent, (JBolduc@masconomet.org.) Interested parties must be available to attend meetings on all of the following dates:

October 9: 6:30 PM: Orientation

October 17: 6:30 PM: Preparation

October 29-31: No meeting, review applications on your own

November 1: 6:30 PM- Selection of Semi-finalists

November 12-16 and 26-27: 5:30 PM- Candidate Interviews (3 or 4 meetings within this period)

**Next Steps:**

We will be conducting a survey and holding focus groups to gather community and staff input on the desired qualifications of the next superintendent. Dates of these will be announced soon.