



Dear Washington Community,

School District of Washington Superintendent Dr. Lori VanLeer recently informed the Board of Education that she will be retiring at the end of this school year. The Board has been in full support of Dr. VanLeer with her vision and leadership to the School District of Washington. While we regrettably accepted her decision during our meeting on Wednesday, September 23, we also support her desire to find a new path at this point in her career.

Dr. VanLeer has dedicated the last 18 years (12 years as superintendent) of her educational career to our students in Washington. Every member of the Board of Education who has served while she has been superintendent knows how much time and energy Dr. VanLeer has given to the School District of Washington. We sincerely appreciate everything she has done to ensure our students have every opportunity to learn and grow.

We recognize this school year presents unique challenges, and Dr. VanLeer is fully committed to leading the School District of Washington through the end of the current academic year. We look forward to accomplishing great things together this school year.

Dr. VanLeer has provided us ample time to conduct a thorough national search for Washington's next leader. Hiring a superintendent is the most important job for a Board of Education. We have already begun the process of searching for a candidate who will continue the legacy of strong leadership and educational excellence this community expects.

We are confident that the School District of Washington will continue to be an exceptional place to work and learn for many years to come.

Sincerely,

The School District of Washington Board of Education

John Freitag – President

Jason Oesterly – Vice President

Scott Byrne – Director

Susan Thatcher – Director

Kevin Blackburn – Director

Matt Wilson – Director

Dan Leslie - Director