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McDUFFY SELECTED AS NEXT SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE'S 11th LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

Edmonds School District Board of Directors names Snohomish County native after thorough, three-month search

The Edmonds School District Board of Directors has named Dr. Kris McDuffy as the next Superintendent of the 20,000 student Edmonds School District after a thorough search that involved parents, staff, students and community over the last three months.

“It is our pleasure to name Dr. Kris McDuffy as the next Superintendent of the Edmonds School District,” School Board President Susan Phillips said. “Dr. McDuffy brings to our District a strong, proven history of educational and financial leadership that is well balanced with an extremely keen sense of the importance of building sincere and honest relationships with all in the community. We look forward to her bringing her heart and passion for student learning to our District.”

Semi-finalists Dr. McDuffy and Dr. Chrys Sweeting each visited the District during the week of March 28 and then participated in a well-attended Community Forum March 31. The Board convened into executive session after the forum to review further written input from forum attendees and for further discussion.

“Dr. Sweeting was a strong candidate and well-received in our District and we wish her well in her future endeavors,” Phillips said. “We also thank the hundreds of parents, staff, students and community who took the online survey, attended meetings, and provided written input throughout the process. This exhaustive process definitely contributed to the Board making its final decision and we now along with staff and the community look forward to Dr. McDuffy continuing her career in Edmonds beginning July 1.”

McDuffy has been superintendent of the 5,300 student Arlington Public Schools since 2008 and is a well-known and respected educational leader in Snohomish County. McDuffy previously served as Director of Educational Administration Programs at Western Washington University and between 1989-2003 was Superintendent of and principal in the Lakewood School District. She is a Snohomish County native, having attended Edmonds Community College before going to Western Washington University for her master's and bachelor's degrees and completed her student teaching at Lynnwood High School. She completed her doctorate at Seattle University.

McDuffy, during her career has involved stakeholders in establishing a shared vision, completed extensive strategic planning and is known for being “visible, available and open” while empowering others.