



FORESTVILLE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 8, 2019

Dear Forestville Employees, Families, and Community Members,

After a comprehensive search process, we are pleased to announce the conclusion of the search for our next superintendent/principal. We have selected Renée Semik as our final candidate. At the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on Thursday, April 11th, the Board will review a contract and then take action to approve an employment agreement. She comes highly recommended from those with whom she works including her superintendent who indicates she, “is more than ready to be a superintendent.”

Using all of the input we received from so many people, the Board spent many long and thoughtful hours reading applications, matching qualifications for the position, developing interview questions based on the search criteria, and finally interviewing applicants. Ms. Semik was chosen from a qualified field following a very rigorous selection process. We are confident that she will be an outstanding superintendent and also a highly qualified principal of our 7th and 8th grade program.

Ms. Semik has been the principal at Petaluma Junior High School and the Sixth Grade Charter Academy at Petaluma Junior High School for the past six years. Prior to Petaluma, she was a principal in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District for three years. She has a master’s degree from Cleveland State University in Ohio, a B.A. in History/Social Science Education from Grove College in Pennsylvania, and a California teaching credential in social science.

Ms. Semik has significant experience teaching and leading in small, rural schools with diverse populations of students. In addition to Santa Monica and Nashville, Tennessee, which are very large urban school districts, she has taught in small rural schools in Ohio and Saipan. She has a particular interest in working collaboratively with her teachers and staff to ensure equitable learning opportunities for all students.

Ms. Semik grew up outside of Cleveland, Ohio and currently lives in Petaluma where she says she loves the rural, small town feel. Renée is beyond thrilled to be joining the Forestville Union School District and is honored to be selected to serve as its next leader. She is well aware of its reputation and commitment to excellence in education and eager to become a contributing member of the Forestville community.

Although the official start date for Ms. Semik will be July 1, she will spend 3-4 days in the district in advance to begin to meet people, participate in interviewing new personnel, develop a quality 7th and 8th grade program, and spend time with Ms. Parisi to ensure a smooth transition.

We are excited for Ms. Semik to meet our outstanding students, staff, teachers, parents, and broader Forestville community. We are planning a reception for her and will notify you with details in the near future.

On behalf of your Board of Trustees,

Max Broome, President

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