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Dear Colleague:

Today Jessica Olson resigned her director position on the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors at approximately 12:30 p.m. via email to the board's president, Pam LeSesne, and reporters at the *Daily Herald*.

At its meeting earlier this evening, the district's board of directors voted to accept that resignation. The board also put in place the process and timeline to collect nominations and applications, review candidates, conduct interviews and appoint a successor for the remainder of the term of Position #4. That process is outlined below. You will note that it mirrors the process used to name a successor for Position 3, which was vacated in December.

Board President Pam LeSesne summarized the board's rationale for establishing and following a second complete process for this second board appointment. "While some have encouraged the board to use the existing, qualified pool of candidates to fill both positions, the board strongly believes it is important not to disadvantage anyone who might want to apply for this second open position. Given the greater awareness of the board's work and this current process, we are holding the doors open for anyone who might now want to express interest in making this level of commitment to each student and to public education."

Our school board is deeply committed to supporting quality student learning and the work you do every day to improve student learning. This additional process of replacing a board member involves many more hours on the part of these dedicated elected officials who understand the need for stable, responsible, and reliable governance of this outstanding school district.

As it happens, this month is *School Board Appreciation Month*. I would encourage you to take a moment to say "thank you" to one or all of our three board members – for the many hours they give to making our work possible and for their advocacy on behalf of each student.

QUALIFICATIONS

To be qualified, an applicant must be a United States citizen, a resident within Everett Public Schools district boundaries and a registered voter.

NOMINATIONS accepted Jan. 7 through Thursday, Jan. 16 at 4:30 p.m.

- Any citizen may nominate a qualified applicant. Nominations must be received in the superintendent's office by the Jan 16, 4:30 p.m. nomination deadline.
- The superintendent will provide those nominated with a summary of school board member responsibilities and will solicit from each nominee a biographic sketch as well as a statement about his or her interest in being a board

member.

- Nominees who choose to respond with application materials must meet the application timeline and process described below.

APPLICATIONS accepted Jan. 7 through Thursday, Jan 23, at 4:30 p.m.

- Interested citizens must submit application materials, which include:
 1. a biographical sketch of the interested candidate,
 2. a statement about an applicant's interest in being a board member,
 3. and his or her name, residential address and contact phone number. An email address should be provided.
- Application packets must be received in the superintendent's office by the Jan. 23, 2014 4:30 p.m. application.
- Packets should be submitted to Superintendent, Everett Public Schools, 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201, by U.S. Postal Service or in-person delivery, or
- emailed to superintendent@everettsd.org by the Jan. 23, 2014 4:30 p.m. deadline.

Candidate nomination and application materials are subject to public disclosure under Washington's Public Records Act.

Board selection process and timeline

- On Jan. 24, 2014, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors will convene to review the applications received by the submission deadline. Candidates' qualifications will be discussed in executive session. The board will select up to five finalists in open session.
- Candidate interviews will be conducted in open session. Candidates selected for interviews will be given an interview time on Feb. 3, 2014, with the first interview beginning at 3 p.m.
- Following open session interviews, the board may recess into executive session to discuss candidates' qualifications and then will return to open session to decide whom to appoint for the remainder of the term of Position 4.

Warm wishes,
Gary