



Eddyville Charter School

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Hello Eddyville Staff, Families and Community,

As many know, our Superintendent/K-12 Principal, Stacy Knudson, will be leaving ECS at the end of June and embarking on another great adventure with the Wallowa School District. We feel very fortunate that she and her family joined our ECS community. Her energy, leadership, kindness and morning front porch greeting accompanied by her welcoming smile will be deeply missed by us all!

In an effort of transparency and to ease the minds of our staff, families and community, the Eddyville School Board would like to update everyone on where we are in our search to find a new Interim Superintendent/Elementary Principal. We have enlisted the assistance of COSA to guide us through this process in a professional and timely manner.

On March 27th, Board Chair Abe Silvonon, Board Member Jenny Demaris and Board Clerk/ECS Business Manager Missy Endicott met with COSA representative, Krista Parent, to go over the candidates whom applied. It was then narrowed down to 5 candidates. On the 1st and 2nd of April these 5 candidates interviewed in front of a 12-member preliminary panel. This panel was made up of 7 staff members, 2 board members, 1 community member, 1 outside Superintendent and our COSA representative, Krista Parent. This panel's job was to narrow the applicants down to 2 candidates that were not only qualified, but that would be a good fit for our ECS family. The Board representatives decided that of these 5 candidates, only one candidate met this criteria. On the 9th of April, that candidate interviewed in front of the ECS Board. Board Vice-Chair Stephanie Mekemson and Board Member Jenny Demaris then did extensive reference checks on this candidate.

So with that said, it is with great pleasure that we, the Eddyville Charter School Board, would officially like to inform you that we are offering the position of Interim Superintendent/Elementary Principal to Eric Clendenin for the 2024/2025 school year and currently entering into contract negotiations.

We are extremely excited to have Mr. Clendenin and his family join us at ECS and are looking very forward to the continued growth and success of ECS in the years to come.

On Behalf of the Eddyville School Board,

Stephanie Mekemson
Eddyville Charter School Board Vice-Chair