



TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 21, 2010

Dear Parents,

Last week interviews were held for the next Newbury Elementary School Principal. I had the pleasure of chairing the search committee comprised of Newbury Elementary School staff, parents, a school community member, and the SES and PGS principals. We interviewed seven candidates for the position of principal. The interview committee then forwarded their recommendations of three highly qualified candidates to Superintendent Halloran. I am pleased to announce the names of the three finalists.

Ms. Gayle D. Feeney is currently the Principal of the Dr. An Wang Middle School in Lowell, MA and has held this position from July 2001 to the present. Prior to her role as principal in Lowell she held principal positions in Methuen, MA for six years as the supervising principal of the PK-8 Tenney Grammar School, the PK-5 Central Elementary School, and the grades 5-8 Tenney Middle School. Ms. Feeney is also a National Institute for School Leaders (NISL) Trainer and a Lowell Public School Leadership Academy Trainer. She received her Master's Degree in Education Administration from Lesley University. Ms. Feeney will visit NES on Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

Ms. Margaret C. Maher is currently the Assistant Principal for the Salisbury Elementary School in the Triton Regional School District. She has held this position since 2007. Prior to her role as assistant principal, Ms. Maher was a kindergarten/grade 1 teacher and tutor for the Danvers Public Schools and a kindergarten/grade 1 teacher for the Salem Public Schools. She received her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Vermont and her CAGS Degree in Educational Leadership from Salem State College. Ms. Maher was selected for membership in the Pi Lambda Theta International Honor Society for her academic achievement. Ms. Maher will visit NES on Wednesday, April 28, 2010.

Dr. Michael Tracy is the principal of the Ralph B. O'Maley Middle School in Gloucester, MA and has held this position since August 2005. He also served as the assistant principal for the O'Maley Middle School from July 2000-July 2005. Prior to his administrative roles in Gloucester, Dr. Tracy held teaching positions for grades 6-9 at Shore Country Day School in Beverly, MA and Buckley Country Day School in Roslyn, NY. In 1992, he was the founder and administrator of the Newbury Recreation Program in Newbury, MA. Dr. Tracy received his Master's Degree in Education Administration from Lesley University and his doctorate in Education Administration from Boston College. Dr. Tracy will visit NES on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

The finalists will participate in the site visits to Newbury Elementary School on April 27-29, 2010 and in an interview with the superintendent on Friday, April 30, 2010. It is Superintendent Halloran's intention to name the next principal of Newbury Elementary by Monday, May 3, 2010. We are pleased with this slate of finalists and look forward to the next steps in the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kathleen M. Willis'.

Kathleen M. Willis
Assistant Superintendent