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## South Lane School District Superintendent search narrows to two candidates

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these challenging times, it has been an educational process,” said board Vice Chair Alan Baas. “I was pleased to discover so many different highly skilled educators interested in coming to our town to help us with our kids.”

The months-long process has included screening of resumes, background checks and interviews to narrow the field down to two potential candidates to start the job on July 1 this year.

Finalist Dey has worked in the Eugene school district for the past five years and is currently the director of secondary education for five high schools and eight middle schools.

From 2010–15, Dey worked in Santiago, Chile

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as the director of K-12 curriculum and professional development at the International School.

He has a doctoral degree in educational methodology, policy and leadership from the University of Oregon, which he received in 2009.

Curtis is currently the interim superintendent of

SLSD. She was previously the superintendent of the Forest Grove School District from 2009 to 2017.

She has 23 years of administrative experience in public education and, in 2008, completed her doctoral degree from the University of Oregon in education and her master

of teaching degree from Lewis and Clark College.

In November, *The Sentinel* reported that, during a board meeting discussing qualities and qualifications of an interim superintendent, “Board members agreed that anyone taking the interim position should be ineligible from applying for the permanent position.”

The board issued a statement clarifying the discussion.

“While the board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of allowing the interim to apply for the permanent position, the qualities and qualifications were written to allow the greatest flexibility in recruiting candidates for the short-term interim po-

sition,” read the statement. “In the qualities and qualification for the second interim position, the board used the word ‘preferred’ rather than ‘required.’”

The statement further added, “The OSBA [Oregon School Boards Association] search consultant, Steve Kelley, did not communicate verbally or in writing to prospect [sic] candidates for the second interim search that they would not be eligible to apply for the permanent position.”

While the school board performs reference checks for the finalists, “a day in the district” site visits are were planned for March 9 in which the public had an opportunity to meet and question the candidates.

## SLSD provides tips, info regarding COVID-19 precautions for students, families

As parents are aware, a new strain of the novel coronaviruses, COVID-19, has been found in a few people in Oregon.

The State of Oregon, county health authorities and South Lane School District are all closely monitoring the situation. We are monitoring updates from the Oregon Health Authority and Lane County Health Department.

At this point in time, we are operating South Lane Schools as usual. We will notify you if we find it necessary to take more precautionary measures.

**What we know about COVID-19:**

- Washing hands often and thoroughly is the best prevention.
- Public health officials say that based on the history of the virus, few are likely to need medical care.
- Those most at-risk are older adults, and people with compromised immune systems.
- The virus is spread

mainly from person-to-person: between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are cough, fever and shortness of breath. If your child merely has a runny nose, your child may attend school.

**If your child is sick:**

If your child is sick with a fever (above 100.4°) and/or cold/flu symptoms, keep them home until they are without a fever for 24 hours (without fever reducing medicines).

**What we suggest:**

- Help stop the spread of germs
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least

60 percent alcohol.

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue (or the elbow of your sleeve) and then throw the tissue in the trash.

- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are often touched
- Stay home if you're sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

- Take care of your health overall. Staying current on your vaccinations, including flu vaccine, eating well and exercising all help your body stay resilient

- Establish a child care plan, just in case your student needs to stay home sick.

- Sign up and download the Flash Alert App for instantaneous information for all South Lane Schools.

- Check in with SLSD's coronavirus webpage for more resources and information.

**Reliable sources of information about COVID-19:**

- Lane County Health Public Department

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Oregon Health Authority

- ity
- The Oregon Department of Education

- Dial 211 for Oregon's general information line

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