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Dear KSD Community,

We are thrilled to announce that Raquel Rose, an experienced educator and current Assistant Superintendent for the Marin County Office of Education (MCOE), is our finalist for KSD Superintendent pending approval of her contract, which is scheduled to occur during our [board meeting this Tuesday, May 12th](#).

We are confident that Raquel has the right combination of skills and experience to lead our district forward and fulfill the goals of our [strategic plan](#), particularly during this uncertain time of a global pandemic. We were impressed by Raquel's deep commitment to equity, transparency, and collaboration, and look forward to introducing her to our entire community during this Tuesday's board meeting at 5 PM. If you cannot make the meeting, [recordings](#) are always available on our district website.

For a special early preview of Raquel, we encourage you to "meet" her through this video in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) (Password: KSD2020) and by reading her brief introduction and bio below. We look forward to a seamless transition for Raquel to our district and hope that everyone can give her a warm welcome in the months ahead.

Finally, note that we will honor the remarkable achievements of current Superintendent Liz Schott and celebrate other retiring and departing members of our school community during our June 9th board meeting. Stay tuned for details in the coming weeks.

Introduction from Raquel:

I feel extremely honored and privileged to be chosen by the Kentfield Board of Trustees to serve as the next Superintendent of the Kentfield School District. As a long-term educator, parent and resident in Marin County, the opportunity to work in my community alongside some of the most talented staff, hardworking students and dedicated parents is truly a gift. I have spent more than twenty years in the field of public education, distributing my work almost evenly between site based and central office work. As a former teacher, instructional coach, elementary principal, district office director, interim superintendent and assistant superintendent, I stand ready and excited to take on this role of Superintendent. This specific position in Kentfield especially inspires me because of the chance to directly engage in the operations and activities, within the community, district, and school sites. My professional and personal values and beliefs acutely align with the district, which will continue cultivating a promising partnership of trust, transparency, collaboration and equity. I look forward to a long and bright future together full of success, achievement and joy.

Biography

Raquel Rose currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent for the Marin County Office of Education (MCOE). She has overseen multiple programs and services including Alternative and Special Education, Education Services, Local, State & Federal Grants, Personnel Services, Early Childhood Education and Student Support Services.

Ms. Rose began her professional career in the San Rafael City School District, where she served as a teacher and instructional coach. During that time, she earned her administrative credential and Master Degree in Educational Administration. Raquel's years in San Rafael provided her an educational philosophy grounded in effective instructional practices, progress monitoring of student achievement, and enhanced intervention services to guide student progression.

In 2006, Ms. Rose transitioned to administration as a school principal and later as Director of Student Services for the Novato Unified School District. In this role, she effectively managed and operated a school site serving approximately 300 students and over 30 staff, honed her knowledge of Special Education services for Preschool through 12th grade students and was instrumental in designing and implementing key programs and services for students district-wide.

Raquel's professional experience expanded in 2011 as she transitioned to the role of Assistant Superintendent at the MCOE, where she has served for the last 9 years. During this tenure, she has supported the 18 Marin County School Districts in areas such as student programs, professional development, statewide compliance, equity initiatives, and community education. Ms. Rose is a member of the Marin Promise Partnership Executive Council, Marin County School Administrators Association, Curriculum and Instruction Steering Committee, Marin Golden Bell Committee and the Association of California School Administrators.

Beyond Raquel's commitment to the field of education, she is actively engaged in raising three young children with her husband Matt in their hometown of San Anselmo. The Rose family can often be spotted around the county cheering on their kids in soccer matches, flag football games, track meets, water polo tournaments or at a ballet or gymnastic class. In Raquel's spare time, she finds peace of mind running or taking in an early morning spin class while listening to upbeat music or a thought provoking podcast.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact our Board President, Heather McPhail Sridharan, at hmcphailsridharan@kentfieldschools.org. Feedback is always welcome and valued.

With gratitude,

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