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Three Finalists in the Running for SUSD Superintendent Post

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (Jan. 30, 2020) – The Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) Governing Board today announced the names of three finalists in its search for the District’s 23rd superintendent. They are:

- Dr. Kimberly Guerin, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Scottsdale Unified School District, Scottsdale, Ariz.
- Dr. Shelley Redinger, Superintendent, Spokane Public Schools, Spokane, Wash.

The announcement came following a five-hour executive session during which the Board reviewed candidate applications that have submitted during the past two months. SUSD’s current superintendent, Dr. John Kriekard, retires June 30.

Finalists will be interviewed, round-robin style, Feb. 21 at the Mohave District Annex, 8500 E. Jackrabbit Rd., Scottsdale. Finalists will be interviewed by the Board and by five committees representing key SUSD stakeholder groups: teachers, students, parents and community members, district leaders, and staff. These committees are to represent SUSD geographically and school grade-level, and reflect the diverse roles people have with the District.

At the conclusion of the Feb. 21 interviews, which are not subject to Arizona Open Meeting law, each committee will provide feedback on the finalists to the Board. No timeline has been announced for the Board to extend an offer of employment to its choice for superintendent.

The search for SUSD’s next superintendent first began in the fall of 2018, after Dr. Kriekard rejoined the District as Acting Superintendent in May of that year. In Dec. 2018, the outgoing Governing Board voted to leave the superintendent’s hiring to the new Board that formed in Jan. 2019. Rather than renew the superintendent search at that time, the new Board negotiated to keep Dr. Kriekard as Superintendent through the 2019-2020 school year.

In November 2019, the Board provided search firm McPherson & Jacobson with the criteria it is looking for in SUSD’s next superintendent. The criteria were derived after a series of community meetings.
• Data-driven decision making that has produced successful academic outcomes for all children
• A culture of accountability to all stakeholders of the schools and community
• A strategic approach to identifying the needs of the district and our students and possess the
  ability to develop plans that target measurable growth in identified critical areas
• An understanding of the importance of creating an exceptional educational experience that
  enables the district to attract and retain students, parents and staff

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**About the Scottsdale Unified School District**

Located northeast of metropolitan Phoenix, the District serves the educational needs of students and families of
23,000 students across 29 campuses. Approximately 240,476 people reside within its boundaries. The District’s
award-winning academic, arts and athletic programs draw students from Phoenix, Paradise Valley, Fountain
Hills, Tempe and Scottsdale. A highly experienced, professionally certified teaching staff fosters a diverse and
rigorous educational environment to develop the potential in every individual learner. Offering gifted learning,
special education, career and technical education, and a variety of athletics, arts and enrichment programs and
clubs, SUSD provides the rich environment today’s students need to explore their interests, develop important
social skills and grow into tomorrow’s leaders. For more information, visit [www.susd.org](http://www.susd.org) and follow along on
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