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To: All Administrators, Faculty and Staff

From: The Board of Education
Lou Daniels, Chair

RE: District Update

Date: June 26, 2006

Lynn McMullin appointed Assistant Superintendent of Schools

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Education has elevated and appointed Lynn McMullin to Assistant Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2006. Lynn has been with our District for over ten years as a teacher and English Department Chair. For the last two years Lynn has been our Director of Curriculum and Instructional Technology doing an excellent job in the mapping and aligning of our curriculum. In her new role Lynn will continue providing oversight to our curricular projects and technology plans while taking on other leadership responsibilities for the District. The "Board" is extremely excited about having Lynn in this senior management role and her appointment signals our district's growth and advancement. Please join the Board congratulating Lynn, wishing her continued success and best wishes.

Vice Principal Canton High School

Unfortunately our initial pool of candidates dwindled as the process went forward culminating with our chosen finalist withdrawing at the last minute. Situations like this occur from time to time, however the BOE is committed to finding the right person for CHS. To that end, the BOE has agreed to retain the search expertise of CABA to assist us in gathering a new talent pool for our selection process. Principal Gary Gula will be announcing a new "search committee" upon his return from vacation. The BOE has authorized the use of an interim Vice Principal until the search process is complete and a new person selected. It would seem feasible at this point that we will start the school year with an interim in place with the hope a new VP will start sometime in the fall.

Superintendent Search

The process for selecting a new Superintendent is now in full swing led by search consultant Eliza Holcomb from CABA. In a planning session with Eliza last week the BOE has set the search timeline and officially begun the process. Focus groups with administrators, staff, faculty, school organizations and the community will begin toward the end of August through early September. Anyone who would like to give input will be

heard....this is a community process. The BOE will act in the capacity of a screening committee initially which will then be expanded to selected educators and community members to assist in the interview process. By statute the BOE will make the hire and appointment through a Board vote.

On 6/27 the BOE will discuss interim Superintendent candidates with an intended start date of 8/1. We do not anticipate a new Superintendent of Schools starting until Jan. 2007.

CBPS Principal Search

The search committee, under Lynn McMullin's guidance, is well underway with several candidates selected for interview. We expect a finalist to come before the BOE sometime in mid July. Dr. Karen Richards is the interim principal at CBPS and will be with us until a new principal is hired and in place.

Educational Efficiency Improvement Team

The BOE has appointed two of its members to serve on this rather important committee for the purpose of doing a benefit and cost analysis of every aspect of our educational system. Tony Toland and Beth Kandrysawtz are serving in the capacity of the Board's financial analysts and will be bringing back a report to the BOE by this fall to assist us in our budget preparations. Your ideas, suggestions and thoughts are most welcome and would be held in confidence if asked. Maintaining District goals is our mission and we must do it in the most cost effective manner possible or face difficult budget referendums in the future. Your help is needed. Tony and Beth can be reached at their Cantonschools email address.

The Board of Education appreciates everyone's patience as we work through the search process of these very significant positions. I intend to keep you updated through every stage of the process. Should you have questions please email me at my Cantonschools email address.

Thank you.

On behalf of the Board of Education,

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