



River Trails

SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

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River Trails School District 26 Superintendent Nancy Wagner to Resign at End of 2021-2022 School Year

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MOUNT PROSPECT, IL – Dr. Nancy Wagner, superintendent of schools for River Trails School District 26, announced she will resign at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. The Board of Education formally accepted her resignation at a special meeting on Tuesday night and will immediately begin a search for her successor. Dr. Wagner’s final day with the district will be June 30, 2022, and she intends to officially retire from education in December.

“For the past five years, it has been my honor and privilege to serve this district,” Dr. Wagner said in a letter to the community. “Joining the River Trails family was a dream come true and it has been nothing less than a remarkable experience.”

Dr. Wagner has served as the superintendent of District 26 since 2017. Prior to that, she spent three years as the superintendent for Beach Park School District 3. Her career in education spans more than three decades and includes experience as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent. District 26’s accomplishments during her tenure have included:

- Planning, renovating and opening of Prairie Trails School, the district’s net-zero energy school for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students.
- Developing and incorporating a strategic plan that focuses curriculum on creating “life ready learners and leaders,” allowing students to grow academically and become “respectful, resourceful and resilient citizens.”
- Increasing focus on equity, which included engaging in an equity audit and the formation of a District Equity Leadership Team.
- Implementing a program that served hundreds of thousands of free meals to the community during the pandemic.
- Expanding programs and strategies that support and promote the social-emotional well-being of students and staff.
- Establishing an accomplished and experienced leadership team to replace multiple retiring administrators.

“We thank Dr. Wagner for her five years of dedication and service to the River Trails District 26 community,” Board President William Grimpe said. “The Board is sad to see her leave, but is grateful for her leadership and congratulates her on a tremendous career in education. We look forward to working with Dr. Wagner for the remainder of the school year and beginning the process of finding a highly qualified successor.”

Details about the district's search for the next superintendent will be shared with the community in the coming weeks and throughout the process. Dr. Wagner will work closely with the board and administration to ensure a smooth transition.

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