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George-Little Rock Board Hires Interim Superintendent

On Wednesday night, August 28, 2019, the George-Little Rock Board of Education accepted the resignation of Interim Superintendent Les Douma. Mr. Douma was hired as an interim superintendent on July 2, 2019 but is unable to continue his duties due to health issues.

Board President Krull stated “Mr. Douma has set a great foundation for our district in implementing new GLR principles which have been shared with staff during the professional development before school started. We appreciate all Mr. Douma has done for the district while he was at GLR. We wish him only the best as he enjoys his retirement.”

After reaching out to Patrick O’Donnell since he was already on staff, the board received a letter of interest for the superintendent position from Mr. O’Donnell who currently serves the George-Little Rock District in human resources and is shared with Boyden Hull Schools, Harris-Lake Park Schools, Sheldon Schools, and Sibley-Ocheyedan Schools in that capacity. The board voted 5-0 to approve O’Donnell as a full-time superintendent on a ten-month contract. O’Donnell will also continue to fulfill his human resources duties.

Mr. O’Donnell previously served as the Superintendent of Schools for the Sioux Center Schools from 2002 to 2018. He is also an Adjunct Professor of the graduate education program for Dordt University.

“We are excited to have Pat O’Donnell as the new Interim GLR superintendent. He has a long history in education and has worked with the GLR district for the last year, so he is familiar with our district. Mr. O’Donnell will bring a wealth of experience and leadership as the GLR Interim Superintendent. The district appreciates Pat stepping in during this transition period,” Krull stated.

The George-Little Rock School District serves 421 students in grades prekindergarten through twelfth grade. O’Donnell will begin his duties September 2, 2019.