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Superintendent Announces Intent to Retire From MMSD

Together with the Board of Education, Superintendent Dan Nerad announced today his intent to retire from the Madison Metropolitan School District and not seek an extension to his current contract.

“It is an honor to serve the children and staff of this district,” Nerad said. “In serving as your superintendent, my goal has been to create a quality agenda for improving our schools and school district. And I am proud of our accomplishments together – developing and implementing our strategic plan, starting four-year old-kindergarten and adding innovative options like dual language immersion. As I reflect on this work and the future of this district, I believe that now is the right time to submit my intent to retire proposal.”

The Board will consider that proposal at tonight’s meeting. The superintendent’s current contract runs through June 30, 2013. Nerad has been superintendent since January of 2008.

“On behalf of the Board of Education, I want to thank Dr. Nerad for the hard work he has done for this district and this community,” School Board President James Howard said. “Dan has led us through challenging times for public education, intent on improving achievement for all of our students. He has also worked hard to bring forward bold plans to address the achievement gaps we face as a district. I, along with my Board colleagues, am eager to examine, work on and move forward with strategies to improve our unacceptable gaps.”

“I am proud of the work we have done to improve instruction, to engage with the community, to ensure sound financial footing for the district, and to advance a bold plan to combat our achievement gaps,” Nerad said. “For as long as I am superintendent, my commitment is to fully serve the children and staff of this district and to continue this important work. I want to thank the Board of Education for the honor of serving this district and community.”

The Board of Education will work with the community to conduct a thorough national search for the next superintendent.

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