

## Sisters School District Superintendent To Step Down

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Ted Thonstad, Superintendent of the Sisters Schools District, today announced his intention to leave the district at the end of the current academic year. He informed the school board of his decision during a previously scheduled executive session meeting of the board.

Mr. Thonstad joined the district in August of 2004, and intends to remain in his position through the term of his current contract, which extends through June 30, 2007. He will have served as Superintendent in Sisters through three school years at that time. Thonstad announced that he plans to seek a position at another district.

“After a great deal of consideration and discussion with my family and the board, I have come to the conclusion that my own personal and professional interests can be best fulfilled in another district,” said Thonstad. “I believe that this is the right decision for the Sisters School District as well.”

“The board respects Ted as a hardworking, dedicated administrator, understands his decision, and will assist Ted in making this a smooth transition for him and for the district,” said school board chairman Rob Corrigan. “Since the very month Ted came on board, he’s had to contend with a string of difficult situations that were not of his own creation. Ted’s high ethical standards and commitment have served the stakeholders in this district well on these issues.”

“Despite the many challenges of a difficult job, I have enjoyed my tenure here in Sisters,” said Thonstad. “The Sisters community has good cause to be proud of its School District. We have many truly excellent and committed teachers, wonderful facilities, and very high levels of parental involvement and community support. In the coming months, I look forward to doing everything I can to continue to improve the district, and leave things ship-shape for my successor.”

“Ted is the educational leader of the district until June 30, 2007, and has the board’s full support in those projects that will be undertaken within that time,” declared Corrigan. “At the same time, the board

will support Ted's effort to secure a position that would benefit from his skills, work ethic, and values.

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