

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Ripon Area School District Seeks Barlow Park Journey Principal Candidates**

RIPON, Wis. — The Ripon Area School District is seeking applicants for the position of Barlow Park Journey (BPJ) Principal. Superintendent Dr. Mary Whitrock announced “Barlow Park Journey Elementary Principal Dr. Tanya Sanderfoot has resigned from her position. I so appreciate the leadership that she has provided at BPJ over the past 8 years. I look forward to working with staff, students and parents to hire the next leader for these two innovative EC-2nd grade schools. The goal is to have a principal in place by the start of the school year.” Dr. Sanderfoot, who earned her doctorate in 2021, stated she wishes to spend more time with her family and pursue a position at Brain Balance Learning Center.

Staff and BPJ families have been invited to provide input to be used in the selection process about their ideal characteristics of candidates; submitting potential interview questions; serving on the interview teams; and attending the finalist Meet & Greet Sessions scheduled for August 3. The hiring timeline for the position is below:

- **July 17 - 28:** Position Posted
- **July 24-28:** Review applications and conduct initial reference checks
- **July 28-29:** Call candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> round of interviews
- **July 31:** 1<sup>st</sup> interview for up to 6 candidates
- **August 1:** Call candidates for 2<sup>nd</sup> round of interviews
- **August 3:** 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews, Meet & Greet, conduct final reference and background checks
- **August 7:** Confirming Interview
- **August 10:** Recommend candidate at Special School Board Meeting

#### **Ways for Staff to be Involved In Process**

- Share ideas of ideal characteristics of candidate and possible interview questions
- Offer to join interview team
- Attend Meet and Greet Session on interview days

**Ways for Parents to be Involved In Process**

- Share ideas of ideal characteristics of candidate and possible interview questions
- Offer to join interview team
- Attend Meet and Greet Session on interview days

Interested candidates should apply through WECAN on the employment opportunities page on the District's website at [www.ripon.k12.wi.us](http://www.ripon.k12.wi.us)

Any comments or questions, please contact Dr. Mary Whitrock at (920) 748-4600.

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