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link from David McVicker, Superintendent

In the back of my mind, I always knew it would be difficult for me to retire and leave CK Schools. I've spent nearly my whole career here; it's become a part of me. I care deeply about our students, our staff and our community.

Thankfully, our new superintendent made my departure a little easier. About 60 seconds after my first introduction to Dr. Erin Prince, I knew with certainty that she was the right choice at the right time. I also knew that I could turn the district over to her with no regrets. And on June 30, I did just that. It was a good feeling.

Dr. Prince is motivated, passionate and excited about what the future holds. Our transition has been smooth and positive. I look forward to watching with great pride all the wonderful things ahead for CK Schools.

It has been a true honor to lead and serve this district.

Thank you for everything!

Wonderful things ahead: Congrats class of 2019!

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Caring BIG—our new superintendent

Dr. Erin Prince took over leadership on July 1

When Superintendent David McVicker announced his retirement last October, our school board members knew they had some big shoes to fill. But they were up to the task.

After a thorough search and interview process, our school board announced its unanimous choice: Dr. Erin Prince.

"The outcome of this process was exactly what I'd hoped for from the beginning," said Board President Jeanie Schulze. "I just know Dr. Prince is going to do great things for our district."

Dr. Prince comes from a family of educators and considers her path to education almost predestined. "It's my greatest passion," she said. "When I see even the smallest of student successes—a lightbulb goes on, or a student who has struggled reaches a goal . . . There's nothing more satisfying!"

Bringing Experience

As an experienced leader, Dr. Prince has seen many of those moments. She served as superintendent of the Corvallis School District in Oregon for five years. Before that, she was assistant superintendent and human resources director for the Sherwood School District. Dr. Prince started her career in the classroom, where she taught for 13 years. She later worked as an elementary school principal, grant writer, adjunct professor and curriculum, instruction and assessment specialist. Most recently, she headed her own consulting company, after two years as vice president of education policy for the nonprofit Chalkboard Project.

Getting to Know CK

Although Dr. Prince's contract began on July 1, she began spending time in our district this spring. And it's safe to say she likes what she's seen.

"It's a tremendous honor to have the opportunity to serve as superintendent of Central Kitsap Schools," said Dr. Prince. "I've been so impressed with the high quality of education, and with the partnership I've seen between the schools and our community. There's such a focus on student-centered success, on equity, and on building strong relationships. It's a great place."

If you haven't met Dr. Prince yet, you're likely to see her around our community throughout the coming months. She hopes you'll introduce yourself, because she knows school districts can't do it alone.

"It's important for our community to know that I value and respect its partnership with our schools. It's really the ultimate partnership, when the community, families and schools come together. We need to rely on each other, and rely on each other's expertise, knowledge and skills. If we care big, we'll get incredible results for our students. And I care big!"

The new CK campus is almost complete!

Three years ago, the plan for the new Central Kitsap High School and Middle School campus was just a promise. Soon, it will be another promise kept.

Classes began in the new Central Kitsap Middle School on April 8. Students celebrated the new building with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Then they took a moment to thank the force behind it: our supportive community!

Top: Central Kitsap Middle School ribbon cutting ceremony.

Left: The new, three-story Central Kitsap High School is nearly finished and will welcome students in September.

Work has also continued on the adjoining CK High School. We are eager to welcome students to the new building in September. But first, as CKHS students prepared for their move to a new home, they made time to honor the past.

Students, staff, and alumni gathered on Huey Field in June to celebrate "95 Years of Excellence." From the first eight-room school building to new three-story building and athletic complex, one thing hasn't changed: the value our community places on education, and on its youth. We'll celebrate the grand opening of the new CK campus this fall. And we'll say thank you once again!

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