

## Coeur d'Alene School District

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## TRUSTEE PURTEE SUBMITS RESIGNATION

(COEUR D'ALENE) – School Board Trustee Jim Purtee submitted his resignation from the school board today citing a need to reduce his commitments and focus on current health issues. Trustee Purtee notified Chairman Tom Hamilton that his resignation is effective November 15<sup>th</sup>.

"I thanked Trustee Purtee for his service and want to honor his decision to step down due to health reasons," stated Chair Hamilton. "Being a school board member takes a large commitment of time and is stressful and Jim needs to dedicate his energy elsewhere. I am aware of the health issues that Trustee Purtee is facing and can say that in the same circumstance, I would make the same decision."

Trustee Purtee missed the October 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting due to a pre-planned trip to Houston Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine for medical reasons. It is anticipated Trustee Purtee will attend the November 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting prior to his resignation date of November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The school board will most likely accept Trustee Purtee's resignation at either a special meeting after November 15<sup>th</sup> or at their next regularly scheduled board meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. After accepting the resignation, the Board will declare a vacancy and discuss the next steps to move forward with an appointment process.