

## **HANDELMAN ACCEPTS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT POSITION**

Coeur d'Alene, ID – Matthew Handelman, current Associate Superintendent of Cda Public Schools, accepted the school board's offer to serve as Interim Superintendent for the Coeur d'Alene School District.

At a special trustees meeting at noon today, the school board accepted the resignation of Superintendent Hazel Bauman and released her from her contract effective July 1.

Handelman will take the helm of the school district as Interim Superintendent for the year, beginning July 1.

"I believe we have an extremely solid executive team in place and Matthew Handelman is the right choice to lead us at this time," stated Board Chair Tom Hamilton.

Vice Chair Terri Seymour concurred. "I have all the faith in Mr. Handelman to move us forward," she stated.

The school board voted unanimously to offer the interim superintendent position to Mr. Handelman. Next steps will include the chair of the board finalizing the details of contract terms with Handelman.

The school board discussed its road map for a superintendent search. The board would like to first delve into the work of developing a strategic plan for the district that includes defining the district's mission, values and goals.

"Then out of the strategic planning process this summer, the board can develop what we are looking for in a permanent superintendent as we will have created a very good road map," stated Chair Hamilton.

The school board anticipates starting a superintendent search in December or January of this next school year.

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Trustee Jim Hightower stated the appointment of Handelman and outlining the process for next year's search were both wise decisions.

Trustee Brent Regan stated he stood 100% behind the recommendation of the chair to offer the position to Handelman. "There is no reason to rush the process and this allows us to keep the district stable," stated Regan.

"We are lucky to have this opportunity for continuity," stated Trustee Ann Seddon.

Handelman thanked the board for the honor and opportunity. "I appreciate the faith you have in me; I won't let you down," he stated.

Matthew Handelman was hired as Associate Superintendent for the Coeur d'Alene School District in the summer of 2010. For the last two years Handelman has also served as Elementary Director and Curriculum Director for the district. Prior to coming to Coeur d'Alene, Handelman served as principal of Moran Prairie Elementary School in Spokane, WA for nine years.