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## Crook County School Board selects Dr. Sara E. Johnson for its next Superintendent



*(photo by Central Oregonian)*

successful in her current district and community and she feels like the right person to take our District into the future.”

Wrapping up its search for a new Superintendent, the Crook County School District Board of Directors is pleased to announce **Dr. Sara E. Johnson** as the District's next Superintendent effective on July 1, 2018, succeeding current Superintendent Duane Yecha. The School Board and Johnson are working on the terms of a tentative agreement, which will be finalized, at a public meeting on April 5, 2018. “We had an outstanding field of 26 candidates for the Superintendent position. With the assistance of a team of staff and community, we thoroughly reviewed the applications and selected several for initial interviews. From the initial interviews, we narrowed the field of candidates to two finalists. We reference checked the finalists and invited them to spend a day in our District meeting with many groups of staff followed by a community forum,” Board Chair Doug Smith said. “We concluded their day here with a second round of interviews by the School Board. Both finalists were excellent, but Sara Johnson emerged as the right fit to be our next Superintendent. She has been highly

Since 2016, Sara Johnson has been the Director of Assessment, Equity & School Improvement for the Klamath County School District in Klamath Falls with about 6,500 students. Before, she was Superintendent for the Sumner School District in Sumner, WA with a student enrollment of about 9,500 for 3 years. Other administrative experience includes 4 years as Assistant Superintendent at Lincoln County School District in Newport, OR with 5,200 students. She was named Oregon Principal of the Year and National Distinguished Principal in 2007. For the last several years, she has also served as an adjunct professor for Southern Oregon University and George Fox University. Johnson has a Doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from George Fox University and a Master's degree in Teaching Education from Eastern Oregon University.

When asked about her philosophy for education, Johnson said, “My priorities are learning, safety, and facilitation of continuous improvement. Public education is powerful and important. It has the potential to change the world through developing knowledge, skills and attitudes in children.” She continued, “All educators need to continuously learn and improve, responding with agility to the children and culture. I am excited to become the next Superintendent and working with the staff, students, parents and community at Crook County School District to see how much we can accomplish together.”

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