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Kettle Moraine School District Board of Education Names Stephen Plum Next Superintendent

The Kettle Moraine School District (KMSD) Board of Education proudly announced Stephen Plum will become the district's new superintendent. Plum is the current director of two award-winning charter schools within the district - High School of Health Sciences and KM Explore Elementary. Plum has 27 years of experience in education, the last 15 as an educator and administrator within KMSD. He holds several degrees and is scheduled to complete his doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2021.

"We are extremely happy to name Steve as the next superintendent of our district," said KMSD Board President Gary Vose. "Steve brings a wealth of experience and innovation as an educator and has been an integral part of the Laser family since 2005. We're excited to begin collaborating with him in the coming months to start the next chapter of KM leadership."

This announcement concludes a search process which began in June, 2020, after Dr. Patricia F. Deklotz gave her notice of retirement to the school board due to medical conditions. The board engaged community, staff and students via surveys and focus groups over a four-month span, receiving invaluable input regarding the vital expertise, experience, and personal characteristics for Deklotz's successor. Feedback from all stakeholders was used to inform the search, which garnered 42 applicants from eight states, and shape a candidate profile.

The process has now begun to fill the two director positions Plum currently occupies. The board expects Plum to transition to the superintendent role this spring. A timeline for the transition and an opportunity for the community to meet Plum will be shared as information becomes available.

"I am humbled and incredibly grateful for this opportunity," said Plum. "Following in Dr. Deklotz's footsteps is an honor. I look forward to leading our esteemed district and providing the most relevant education for our students, preparing them for a future where anything and everything is possible."

Kettle Moraine School District is located in western Waukesha County. Operating 10 schools in parts of 10 municipalities, the district serves over 3,700 students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12. Its vision is Learning Without Boundaries - to be a place where students are inspired daily, with limitless opportunities to explore their passions and make a difference in the world.

