



LAKEPORT

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 5, 2017

Dear Members of the Lakeport Educational Community,

The Board of Trustees is very pleased to announce we have selected our next superintendent. After a nation-wide search which resulted in fifteen applications and interviews of six top candidates, Mrs. April Leiferman has been offered the position pending approval of a contract at our May 11th board meeting.

Mrs. Leiferman has been an educator in Lake County for over thirty years in a variety of positions. She has served as assistant superintendent, director of curriculum and instruction, English learner director, principal, assistant principal, substitute teacher, cheer coach, and more. Most of these positions were at the K-12 level in the Konocti School District. In her current position as Assistant Superintendent for the Lake County Office of Education, she supervises programs and services that support all schools in Lake County. Mrs. Leiferman has worked closely with our teachers, administrators and Ms. Smith-Hagberg over the years so knows our district well. She has a wealth of experience and expertise that will clearly benefit Lakeport Unified School District and the entire Lakeport Community.

Mrs. Leiferman is from the Midwest and enjoys the small-town culture that exists in Lake County. She graduated with two bachelor's degrees in Sociology and Psychology and a Master's Degree in Counseling and Human Resources. Her Education Administration degrees were earned at Sacramento State University and Sonoma State University. As you can see in her choices of study, she believes relationships are the most important component of any organization. She has a background and expertise in the areas of regular education, special education, curriculum and instruction, state testing, and a variety of other areas that will ultimately benefit our students.

Mrs. Leiferman lives close to our district with her family. She indicates, "I am fortunate to have the baton passed to me by a school board that shares my values of collaboration, transparency, and the culture of nurturing the community's children. I have worked alongside the current superintendent, administrative team, and many of the teachers, and know they are a talented, dedicated team. I am confident that I can add value to the district, create a smooth transition, and continue the already established tradition of success. I am excited to meet each student and hope to have your support in this transition!"

Our Board is grateful to all staff in our district and community members who participated in providing input into what is most desired to see in our next superintendent. We are confident you will find that Mrs. Leiferman is a perfect match!

Mrs. Leiferman will be in LUSD for several days before the end of the year to begin to meet everyone and to hear about our outstanding district. We will inform you of those dates when they are firm.

Enthusiastically,

Dennis Darling, President
Board of Trustees