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Sima Sarrafan Appointed to School Board

Sarrafan to fill vacated District 1 Director position

BELLEVUE, Wash. – The Bellevue School District and School Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Sima Sarrafan has accepted an appointment to the position of School Board Director for District 1.

Four residents of Bellevue School Board of Directors District 1 submitted applications to fill the vacancy left on the board after Steve McConnell announced his resignation in November 2017.

Sitting Board Directors interviewed applicants on the evening of Jan. 17 asking each one questions to highlight their vision for the district; their willingness to collaborate with other board members, district staff, and the greater Bellevue School District community; their openness to continuously learn about the district; their open-mindedness to new viewpoints and new ways of thinking about educational programs; and their focus on ensuring that each and every Bellevue student is given the supports necessary to succeed in college, career, and life.

The board was pleased to have four qualified candidates and complimented all applicants on their thoughtfulness and commitment, as demonstrated by their participation in the application process. Ultimately, Ms. Sarrafan was chosen as the appointee for the vacancy.

Ms. Sarrafan is a graduate of Bellevue schools, having attended Stevenson and Bennett elementary schools, Odle Middle School and Interlake High School. She is also a parent of two Bellevue students – one attending Interlake High School and the other at Bellevue High School.

“We were truly impressed with all the candidates and feel fortunate to live in a community with so many dedicated and engaged citizens,” Board President My-Linh Thai said. “My fellow directors and myself felt that to select just one of the candidates was among the most difficult decisions we have made during our tenures on the board.”

Ms. Sarrafan will be sworn in at the next regular board meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Feb. 6 at the Wilburton Instructional Service Center.

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