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## **Francine Wiest Appointed to School Board**

### ***Wiest to fill vacated District 5 Director position***

**BELLEVUE, Wash.** – The Bellevue School District and School Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Dr. Francine Wiest has accepted an appointment to the position of School Board Director for District Area 5. She fills the board position vacated by My-Linh Thai.

Dr. Wiest brings extensive involvement in the Bellevue School District. She is active in the PTSA, volunteering on two elementary school boards, including as president at Somerset Elementary, as well as starting and chairing numerous committees across several schools. Her efforts have been recognized with a PTA Golden Acorn and two Outstanding Advocate awards. She has also served on two school district committees: Strategic Planning and the Gifted Advisory Committee and has created a partnership between the City of Bellevue Neighborhood Enhancement Project and the school district to install additional elementary school playground equipment.

The Board received eight applications for the vacancy and, on Tuesday, January 22, interviewed five candidates.

“We were fortunate to have an exceptional group of candidates who were all passionate about serving each and every student in our community.” Board President Christine Chew said. “With multiple candidates so well qualified to fill the position, it was a very difficult choice to make. We believe with Dr. Wiest’s demonstrated commitment to our school community that she will serve our students, staff, and families well.”

Dr. Wiest will be sworn in at the Feb. 12 board meeting.

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