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Principal Finalists Announced

Round 1 interviews were held this week for the Altoona Middle School principal and Altoona High School principal positions. Seven highly-qualified candidates were interviewed for each position, and two finalists have been selected for Round 2 interviews.

Community Input Opportunity: As an essential part of the Round 2 interviews, the finalists will participate in a Community Forum on April 8 (middle school finalists) and 9 (high school finalists). All parents, community members, students and staff are invited to hear from the candidates, ask questions and share feedback.

Community Forum, April 8 – Middle School Principal Finalists, 5:00 PM **Altoona Middle School Library Media Center, 1903 Bartlett Avenue**

- Steve Buss, 5:00 pm
About: Steve Buss has nearly 16 years of administrative experience, with the last nine as the middle school principal at Tomah Middle School. Prior to that, he served as an assistant principal as well. He has a background as a physical education teacher and veteran.
- Amy Traynor, 5:45 pm
About: Amy Traynor has 16 years of middle school teaching experience and has currently served as an instructional coach for DeLong Middle School for the last four years. She has experience as a middle school mathematics teacher, and is a highly decorated teacher who has earned some of the highest awards and certifications possible in the profession, including 2013 Wisconsin Teacher of the Year.

Community Forum, April 9 – High School Principal Finalists, 5:00 PM **Altoona High School Library Media Center, 711 7th Street West**

- Jim Reif, 5:00 pm
About: Jim Reif has nearly five years of administrative experience, with the last three years leading the Menominee Indian High School. Prior to this he was an associate principal at Baraboo High School. He has experience as a high school mathematics and science teacher.
- Adam Keeton, 5:45 pm
About: Adam Keeton has nearly four years of administrative experience, with all four years leading Flynn Elementary School in Eau Claire. He has experience as a science teacher.

Incoming superintendent, Dan Peggs, said, *“All of our candidates went through a competitive application screener and interview process and we are all looking forward to this next step. Our finalists come with a variety of experiences that will and have made them successful principals in their current roles. Our next step is about finding the right fit for Altoona and our students.”*

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