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Jeffco Public Schools Appoints Renee Nicothodes as Interim Chief of Schools for Elementary

Karen Quanbeck moves on as Superintendent Clear Creek School District

Golden, CO (June 12, 2019) – Jeffco Public Schools (Jeffco) is pleased to announce Renee Nicothodes was selected as the new Interim Chief of Schools for Elementary beginning July 1. Nicothodes is filling the position opened by the selection of Karen Quanbeck as the new Superintendent for Clear Creek School District RE-1. Quanbeck will begin her new role on July 1.

Nicothodes is currently a Community Superintendent with Jeffco. She joined the district in 2016 after serving as Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction in Adams School District 14. With 28 years of experience in education, she has worked as an instructional coach, elementary school principal and first grade teacher. Nicothodes holds a Master of Arts Education and a Reading Specialist credential from San Diego State University. She has a passion for working with at-risk student populations and advocating for equity and excellence in educational systems.

The Chief of Schools for Elementary oversees district elementary schools working with Community Superintendents and school leaders to increase student achievement, ensure quality school leadership, improve school effectiveness, inspire innovation, and monitor school safety. They work in partnership other central department leaders to oversee the rollout of district initiatives, priorities, and strategies for all Jeffco schools.

Karen Quanbeck has worked for Jeffco for over 20 years as a teacher, principal, and central administrator for both the elementary and secondary level. Clear Creek Board of Education president Mr. Mitch Houston announced Quanbeck's appointment on the Clear Creek [website](#), which included a letter from Quanbeck to the community.

"Karen has made invaluable contributions to Jeffco during her 20 years with us and she will be greatly missed. We are proud that she has been tapped to lead Clear Creek School District as their next Superintendent." said Superintendent Dr. Jason Glass. "We were excited to have a high-caliber internal candidate to step into this district leadership position, Renee brings not only her many years of experience in education with other districts to this role, but also direct experience serving schools in Jeffco as a Community Superintendent. The Chief position oversees the elementary schools across Jeffco and is critical to ensuring our schools and educators have the support they need."

About Jeffco Public Schools

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