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West Fargo Public Schools Names New Director of Special Education

WEST FARGO, ND – (May 5, 2017) – It is with great pleasure that Superintendent Dr. David Flowers announces Ms. Karen Nickel has accepted the Special Education Director position for the district.

Ms. Nickel has a Master of Science degree in Specific Learning Disabilities and a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education from Minot State University. She also holds the Special Education Director Credential.

Ms. Nickel started her career in education in 1985 as a classroom teacher. She came to West Fargo Public Schools in 1992, where she served as a teacher until 2006. She then accepted a position as a Coordinator for the Special Education Department, and was promoted to Assistant Director for the department in 2011.

After interviewing and subsequently selecting Ms. Nickel from a pool of highly qualified candidates, Dr. Flowers stated, “Karen is extremely knowledgeable and experienced in special education as a teacher, coordinator, and assistant director in West Fargo Schools. She will step up as director and lead a department made up of over 400 staff, serving over 1,000 children with IEPs in the school district.”

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Ms. Nickel will officially assume her new role on July 1, 2017. She replaces current director Mrs. Marian Bell, who is retiring after 24 years with West Fargo Public Schools.



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