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**RANCHO SANTA FE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD NAMES
SUPERINTENDENT FINALIST**

RANCHO SANTA FE — The Rancho Santa Fe School District Governing Board is pleased to announce that a finalist has been chosen in the search for a new District superintendent.

Donna Tripi, a San Diego educator and leader with more than three decades of experience, was named as the finalist candidate by the Governing Board following an extensive search that began in August. She was selected from a field of 23 candidates that included applicants from public and private school systems throughout California and from out of state.

Ms. Tripi currently serves as principal of La Jolla Elementary School in the San Diego Unified School District, a position she has held since 1999. Under her leadership, student performance has soared and the school has been recognized with a number of prestigious honors. This year, the vast majority of La Jolla Elementary students achieved proficiency on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Eighty-nine percent of students achieved advanced scores in English language arts, and eighty-six percent achieved advanced scores in math, the two subjects tested.

Additionally, La Jolla Elementary School is the 2008, 2012 and 2018 recipient of the California Distinguished Schools Award, which recognizes outstanding education programs and practices; and in 2016 was named a California Gold Ribbon School, a National Blue Ribbon School, and earned the San Diego Unified School District's Quality Schools in Every Neighborhood Award for Quality Leadership, Teaching and Learning.

Ms. Tripi holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's degree in Elementary School Education from St. John's University in New York.

Final approval of Ms. Tripi's employment contract is tentatively scheduled to take place at the regular Board meeting on December 13, 2018.