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April 1, 2013

Dear RES Staff, Parents and Students:

The Rye School Board has just completed a comprehensive search process for the new leader of Rye Elementary School. After a national search, multiple interviews and extensive site visits, we are excited to announce that Suzanne Lull will become the new Principal of Rye Elementary School.

Ms. Lull has dedicated her career to excellence in elementary school education as evidenced by being selected as the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year in 2001 and for the Presidential Award for Science Teaching in 2004. She has over 30 years of experience in elementary education and has spent the past ten years as Principal at Washington Elementary School in Washington, New Hampshire (west of Hillsboro). She has extensive teaching experience in all grades K-5 and is also the technology coordinator for the school. Ms. Lull holds a Masters in Educational Leadership and School Reform from New England College, and a B.S. in Elementary Education from Plymouth State College.

We are excited about the wealth of experience and energy that Ms. Lull will bring to our students. During the final search process the school board members were drawn to Ms. Lull's philosophy of education: Inspire, Educate, Preserve, a philosophy that was clearly imbedded in her leadership. She believes that education is not just about academics and that every child can be successful. There are several reasons that the school board feels that Ms. Lull will be a fantastic fit for our school and community.

- She is well-versed in Differentiated Instruction, Response-to-Intervention (RTI), technology integration and the Common Core standards.
- She has a strong background in math and science instructional practices.
- She has established productive and respectful relationships with students, staff, parents and community members.
- She is an innovative, collaborative leader who appreciates and understands what it takes to build a strong education team.

We would like to thank the members of the Principal Search Committee for their efforts in narrowing down the finalists, as well as the RES staff, parents, and members of the community for their valuable feedback. Ms. Lull's official start date is July 1, but she will be spending some time prior to that with Ms. Richardson and the staff at RES to ensure a smooth transition. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Lull to the community at our school board meeting on May 15th at 5:00 PM.

Sincerely,

The Rye School Board