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New School Board Director Appointed Erin Dury fills vacated position

SEATTLE – The Board of Directors for Seattle Public Schools voted this afternoon to appoint Erin Dury to the position of Director, District IV, for the SPS Board of Directors.

The appointment follows an extensive public input process that began after the January 7, 2021 resignation of former Director Eden Mack.

Director Dury was sworn in at today's regular school board meeting. The swearing-in immediately followed the vote of the sitting board.

After being sworn in, Director Dury joined her new colleagues as the board continued its regularly scheduled meeting.

"I am honored and grateful to serve District IV and Seattle Public Schools and I recognize the privilege and position of power this appointment has and I know that true service will be shown through action," said Director Dury. "I look forward to working with the community, particularly those most impacted by the decisions of the board and district. We have an opportunity to reimagine education and access. I am ready to do the work to see a new vision and I am here in service."

Director Dury was one of three finalists for the position who were voted on by the sitting board. The finalists -- Director Dury, Laura Marie Rivera and Eric Souza -- were among the eight initial candidates who submitted applications for the post by the Jan. 29, 2021 deadline.

School Board President Chandra Hampson stated prior to the final vote, "I am so grateful to each and every person who put themselves forward to be considered for the district four director position. Whether they stayed through today or made a different decision and removed themselves from running, their candidacy was important and we owe them our

gratitude. What a difficult time to choose to be of service. No one currently on the Board chose to lead during a pandemic and it speaks volumes of the dedication and character of each of our candidates.”

Director Dury will serve on the board for the remainder of the term, which concludes with the November 2021 election. Director Dury may choose to run for the position in the 2021 election cycle.

To learn more about Director Dury please visit her candidate webpage:

https://www.seattleschools.org/district/school_board/director_appointment/candidates/dury

To learn more about the Director IV appointment process and timeline visit:

https://www.seattleschools.org/district/school_board/director_appointment

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