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Galena, Alaska: The Galena City School Board is pleased to announce that two individuals have been selected as finalists in the search for a new superintendent. The Board solicited interest in the position and received interest from a number of candidates. The selected finalists meet all of criteria the Board set.

The finalists are:

Dr. Jason Johnson – Currently the superintendent of the Dillingham City School District in Dillingham, Alaska. Previously, he was a principal and coach for the Yukon-Koyukuk School District in Nulato, Alaska. Before that, Dr. Johnson was a teacher in the Dominican Republic. Prior to that, he was in private business and served as a full-time NCO in the Indiana National Guard. He received his undergraduate degree from Southern Indiana University, an M.S.Ed from that same institution, and an Ed.D in Educational Leadership and Professional Practice from Trevecca Nazarene University.

Beverly Kokrine “Neetbaaynekeelno” – Currently an assistant superintendent for the Galena City School District. Mrs. Kokrine has been an Alaskan educator for twentyfive years, five years as an administrator in both urban and rural Alaska. Before coming to Galena, she was a principal in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, moving to that position from a long stint as a classroom teacher in the district. She holds an MED in Educational Leadership from University of AK Southeast and an MED in Language and Literacy from University of AK Fairbanks. She earned her superintendent endorsement in 2020 from University of AK Southeast.

The finalists will interview with the Board on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022. Dr. Johnson will interview from 2:15pm-3:00pm and Ms. Kokrine will interview from 3:10pm-3:55pm. These will be broadcast live and anyone is welcome to listen to the interviews by calling 1-800-315-6338 and entering access code 12053# when prompted. There will be an online form to give feedback to the Board. The online form will accept comments from 2:15pm-4:15p.m. for those listening to the interviews. Please click below during the aforementioned timeframe to share your thoughts with the Board.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeoAytKjQCgrb94Lzc0F3rVvRKjfmXn0HiBY_PJFc-lo0T4Qg/viewform

The Board intends to make an announcement on their choice of a new superintendent shortly following the interviews. The new superintendent is expected to begin duties on July 1, 2022.

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