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## **DR. FRANK ALVAREZ TO COMPLETE TERM AS SUPERINTENDENT**

**RYE, NY -- July 19 --** At the July 19, 2016 Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Dr. Alvarez announced his plans to complete his term as Superintendent in Rye on July 31. He made the following statement:

*Rye has been a wonderful community in which to work. I am proud of the many accomplishments attained in the last four years. The support of the Board of Education, faculty, staff and parents enabled several new initiatives to take root and become important components of a productive school environment for all our students. I am equally appreciative of the support of the community, which led to the construction of the new Science Wing during my tenure and the passing of an override budget with an overwhelming voter majority in May 2015.*

*The administrators, faculty and staff continue to make Rye a high achieving school district. Your work is valued and your dedication is an inspiration to all.*

*A special “thank you” to the Parent Teacher Organizations/Parent Organizations, the Friends of the Rye City School District and the Rye Fund for Education for all you do on behalf of our students, making many educational opportunities possible during fiscally challenging times.*

*It has been a privilege to serve the Rye community.*

Board President Katy Keohane Glassberg thanked Dr. Alvarez for his service and went on to describe the path forward:

*On behalf of the Board of Education and the Rye City School District community, I want to thank Dr. Alvarez for his contributions over the past four years. Under Frank's leadership, we have undertaken wonderful educational initiatives including heightened focus on literacy and professional development district wide; full day Kindergarten; STEM offerings; and completion of the Science Wing. Students have flourished during his tenure and Rye continues to be one of the top rated school districts in the country. We thank him for his dedication to our students, faculty and staff, and the community.*

*The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Brian Monahan as Interim Superintendent of Schools effective August 1. Dr. Monahan is a seasoned, professional Superintendent. The District is fortunate to have such an experienced educator at this time of transition. We are confident Dr. Monahan will very capably run the District while the Board proceeds with a search process that will be thoughtfully planned, provide opportunities for input from all school community stakeholders, and be conducted with professional search consultants. We will provide more detail as we proceed.*

*In the meantime, I hope you will join us in wishing Dr. Alvarez all the best in his new endeavors.*

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