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The Saratoga Union School District is pleased to announce the selection of Erin Granger to be the next Director of Special Education. Erin will be replacing Director Debbie Textor who is retiring at the end of this school year. The board unanimously approved Ms. Granger's appointment at the Board of Trustees meeting on May 12, 2022.

Erin brings over 20 years of experience and leadership in Saratoga Union School District. She has extensive experience in special education programming, deep understanding in the science of learning and instruction, and holds a core belief that we must hold high standards for all students, including those with special needs so they can reach their full potential. Erin is known for her ability to lead through collaboration, empathy, and compassion. During her years in SUSD, Erin has worked with students, families, and staff to successfully transform behavior using evidence-based practices implemented with fidelity. She is a trusted mentor and coach to both Special Education and General Education staff. Most recently, Erin served as the SUSD Inclusion Program Specialist.

During the hiring process, two separate panels conducted a general or technical interview. The panels were composed of district administrators, principals, teachers, staff, and parent leadership. The candidate pool for the Special Education Director was extremely strong. 6 candidates from the pool were selected to interview in person. Erin emerged resoundingly as the stellar candidate.

Superintendent Ken Geisick and Assistant Superintendent Moira Barker look forward to welcoming Erin to the district's administration team. Said Superintendent Geisick, "We are delighted to have Ms. Granger step into this new role. She brings two decades of SUSD history, relationships with so many of our families and a strong connection to the teachers, specialists, and support staff. I am confident parents will experience a seamless transition from Ms. Textor to Ms. Granger."

Current Special Education Director Debbie Textor will work closely with Erin during the transition period. Ms. Textor stated, "Serving students, staff and families in public education for 34 years has been the honor of my life. Thank you for your collaboration and support along the way. As I retire at the end of the 2021-22 school year, I am excited to hand the baton to Erin Granger. For the last 21 years, Erin has worked closely with you in Saratoga and is well prepared to be your next Director of Special Education." The district thanks Debbie Textor for her years of service in SUSD and we wish her the very best in her well-deserved retirement!

Please join us in welcoming Erin Granger as our new Director of Special Education in Saratoga Union School District!