

## Press Release to Announce Selection

### USD 369 Names New Superintendent

Kara Schwindt begins leadership of USD 369 on July 1.

#### June 13, 2022

The USD 369 Board of Education has announced the selection of Kara Schwindt, as the new superintendent. Kara will take the reins on July 1, 2022 after the departure of Joan Simoneau at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Kara Schwindt has broad educational experience, as a teacher, administrator and an educator of educators. She has been Director of Literacy at USD 312 – Haven.

Previously, Ms. Schwindt served as a 1st Grade Teacher in USD 262 – Valley Center and USD 457 – Garden City for 10 years in multiple positions including a Special Education Teacher, Kindergarten Teacher, 6th Grade English Language Arts, and Literacy Coach.

Students in our schools succeed because they are quality students focused on preparing for their future. We feel our staff and administration support student learning and educational opportunities that will ensure they are prepared for career or college.

Board President Karl Matlack says that Kara emerged from a very thorough search process as the right candidate to lead the School District. “The Board is certain in our choice of Kara Schwindt and confident that under her leadership USD 369 will continue to thrive.

Karl Matlack Board President, explained that community input, including the involvement of stakeholders was a key factor in the success of the superintendent search process. The survey included teachers and administrators, parents and community members. “The input from the community as a whole was very helpful to our process.”

The Board selected 2 finalists, who were interviewed by the Board.

As a board team we feel we made the right selection to serve our students and our community.