

May 4, 2017



Portland Public Schools
Board of Education
501 N. Dixon Street
Portland, Oregon

Dear Portland Public Schools Board:

Please allow me to thank you for this amazing opportunity to be named the Sole Finalist for Superintendent of Portland Public Schools. Everyone that I met throughout the process was both kind and gracious.

However, it is with mixed emotions that I notify you of the withdrawal of my candidacy for the superintendency of Portland Public Schools.

After deep reflection I have decided to pursue other PreK-12 opportunities and to continue my consulting work, supporting other school districts in their effort to implement reforms that improve achievement for all students.

I wish you, the community, and the children of Portland nothing but the best in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Dickey".

Donyall D. Dickey, Ed.D.