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Wendy,

Please post this on our web site and at all of the school. Also would you send this News Release to the Lee e-crier, the Durham Friday Up-date and Madbury's Administrator for posting in Madbury.

Thank-you.

Henry

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oyster River Cooperative School District Selects New Interim Superintendent

(Durham, NH 7-6-11) - The Oyster River Cooperative School District (ORCSD) School Board has selected Leon Levesque to serve a one year term as the district's interim superintendent. The board voted 7-0 for Mr. Levesque's selection at a Wednesday, July 6, 2011 special board meeting.

Most recently, Mr. Levesque led the Lewiston, ME School Department as superintendent from 1998 - 2010. Prior to serving in Lewiston, Mr. Levesque served in various administrative roles and as an English teacher throughout the state of Maine.

With respect to taking on the role of ORCSD interim superintendent, Mr. Levesque commented, "I look forward to meeting the Oyster River staff, students, and community members. I am delighted to serve as an interim superintendent and assist in furthering district initiatives in the year ahead."

Board chair Henry Brackett commented, "I am quite pleased that Leon (Levesque) will be working for us. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Oyster River. Also, I was impressed how thoroughly and efficiently the search committee worked to identify and bring forth many high caliber candidates."

A search committee comprised of the ORCSD school board, high school principal Todd Allen, co-director of instruction Danielle Bolduc, and business administrator Sue Caswell, interviewed candidates and presented two finalists, Leon Levesque and Michelle A. Langa. The school board interviewed the finalists in public at the July 5, 2011 special board meeting.

Search committee members contacted the Maine and New Hampshire School Administrators Associations as well as educational leaders such as former New Hampshire Education Commissioner Lionel Tracy for candidate recommendations. Ultimately, fifteen individuals were contacted and six candidates were brought forward to interview with the search committee.

Board member, Krista Butts elaborated further on the search, "We divided and tackled tasks - some contacted associations, others called references, and everyone helped interview. It was a concerted team effort to find the type of exceptional leader we want for Oyster River,"

Contract details are being finalized between the ORCSD and Mr. Levesque. Mr. Levesque will move to the seacoast area in order to serve his term and begin work starting the week of Monday, July 11, 2011. Mr. Levesque's professional bio may be found on the ORCSD web site: <http://www.orcsd.org>

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The Oyster River Cooperative School District serves the towns of Durham, Lee, and Madbury, New Hampshire. Approximately 2,050 students attend the district's four schools: Mast Way Elementary, Moharimet Elementary, Oyster River Middle School and Oyster River High School. The Oyster River District mission, "Working Together to Engage Every Learner," supports each student to reach his or her potential.

Visit the ORCSD web site: <http://www.orcsd.org>

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