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Ferndale Public Schools Board of Education Appoints New Trustee

Ferndale, MI – The Ferndale Public Schools Board of Education is pleased to announce that interviews have been conducted to fill the board vacancy created on September 23, 2025. During a Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 13, 2025, the Board interviewed highly qualified candidates, each bringing unique strengths and perspectives to the table.

While the decision was difficult, due to the exceptional pool of applicants, the Board selected and appointed Jessica Newman to serve an abbreviated term until the County Board of Canvassers certifies the November 7, 2025 election results. At that time, the elected candidate will fill the seat for the remainder of the vacated term, which expires December 2028.

Committed to our schools, community and students, Newman will play an integral role in supporting the mission and vision of Ferndale Public Schools. Following the selection, Newman was immediately sworn in by the Board to begin service without delay.

“We are excited to welcome Jessica to the Ferndale Public Schools Board,” said Sandra Dukhie, Board President. “Jessica’s fresh perspective and commitment to our school community will be a tremendous asset as we advance the work of our Dynamic Plan and support our students.”

The Board thanks all candidates for their interest, dedication, and willingness to serve the Ferndale community.

For questions, contact Board President Sandra Dukhie at sandra.dukhie@ferndaleschools.org.

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About Ferndale Public Schools

Ferndale Public Schools, located in southeast Michigan, is committed to fostering academic excellence, equity, and innovation for all students. Serving a diverse and inclusive community, the district offers a comprehensive educational experience that includes rigorous academics, robust arts and athletics programs, and a strong emphasis on social and emotional learning.