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Dear New York Mills Union Free School District Community,

As you are aware, the New York Mills Union Free School District initiated the process of hiring a new Superintendent of Schools when Dr. Joanne Shelmidine announced her intention to retire. After much thought and consideration, the Board of Education has decided to close the search for a new superintendent at this time.

The Board of Education recognizes that the selection of a Superintendent of Schools is its most important responsibility for the students, staff, families, and other stakeholders of our school district community. It was crucial that stakeholder input with regard to the characteristics and qualifications sought for the next Superintendent and potential areas for growth and improvement were in the forefront of the Superintendent search process.

The Board will take this time to reflect on the process up to this point and anticipates re-opening the search for the best candidate to lead and grow our district in Fall of 2022. The Board has begun the process to secure an interim Superintendent of Schools to lead the district following the retirement of Dr. Joanne Shelmidine. New York Mills UFSD has a strong, collaborative, leadership team which will ensure continuity and stability within the district. The way our students experience school is through the incredible people they interact with every day. This will not change.

Every organization goes through leadership changes and your Board of Education is committed to seeing this through with equity and service to our students, staff, families and other stakeholders of our district community.

Sincerely,

The New York Mills Union Free School District Board of Education

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