



**Bloomington Public Schools
School District 87**

Dr. Robert Nielsen
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Teresa Hill
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

Dr. Barry Reilly
Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Mr. David Wood
Chief Financial & Legal Officer

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Dear District 87 Staff:

At tonight's meeting of the District 87 Board of Education, the Board unanimously voted to name Dr. Barry Reilly as our new superintendent, effective July 1, 2010. As you know, Dr. Reilly, our current Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, has spent his 19-year career in District 87, beginning as a student teacher and then a health/physical education teacher, assistant principal and principal of Bloomington High School before moving to the District administrative offices six years ago. He brings a wealth of experience, a deep knowledge of our district and a passion for education. The Board believes Dr. Reilly is poised to provide excellent leadership.

Dr. Reilly has bachelors, masters and doctor of educational administration degrees from Illinois State University. He and his wife, Lisa, have three children, all of whom attended or are attending District 87 schools.

Over his twelve years of service, Dr. Nielsen has built a strong foundation for District 87. Under his leadership, and with the dedication of the entire District 87 team, we have seen student achievement climb, facilities improve and our finances remain sound. We are confident that Dr. Reilly will be able to build on that foundation.

We'll look forward to recognizing Dr. Nielsen as he moves to retirement at the end of the school year and to thank him for his critical contributions to District 87's success.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Reilly on his new role and wishing him success as we together carry on the long-established tradition of District 87 excellence.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Dirks
President, District 87 Board of Education