



## YAVAPAI COUNTY EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY

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### NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter has announced a vacancy on the Ash Fork Joint Unified School District Governing Board, due to the resignation of Mr. Carl Keele, who cites increased work and family commitments as his reasons. We appreciate Mr. Keele's voluntary service to the school district and their students.

The vacancy comes during the time when potential candidates are preparing for the November 2016 election. This fact, combined with the proximity of the vacancy to the filing deadline for the upcoming elections, has led Mr. Carter to announce that "he does not plan to fill the vacancy at this time". Mr. Carter said, "Due to the timeline that filling this vacancy would require, it is in the best interest of all involved to wait until the nomination / election process is concluded to make an appointment based on the outcome of the election". The democratic process expects voters to make these decisions if practical. This decision may be reconsidered if circumstances warrant a review.

The appointment, as a result of the outcome of the general election, is expected to be in mid- November after the canvass of election. The non-incumbent who receives the highest number of votes from the electorate will be appointed. It is quite possible that the seat could be filled earlier, if the number of candidates are equal to the number of seats up for election. In that case, the appointment could be made as early as August 25th, if the Board of Supervisors cancel the election and declare the eligible candidates appointed.

To be eligible to serve on the Governing Board, the candidate must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States of America,
2. Possess their civil rights,
3. Be registered to vote within the boundaries of the school district,
4. Have continuously resided within the school district for at least one year from the time they take office,
5. The candidate and their spouse may not be employed by the school district,
6. The candidate may not serve on another Governing Board.

If an eligible registered voter is interested in running for election to the Ash Fork Joint Unified School District Governing Board, they are invited to contact Superintendent Carter at 928-925-6560, or email to [Tim.Carter@yavapai.us](mailto:Tim.Carter@yavapai.us).