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Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mrs. Penelope Thal, to the Yarnell Elementary School District Governing Board.** The appointment will be effective August 28, 2015 and will expire on December 31, 2016. This seat was vacant due to the resignation of Mr. Butch Ashby, who relocated out of the district. We sincerely appreciate the valuable service provided by Mr. Ashby to the School District and wish him well.

Mr. Carter interviewed Mrs. Thal at Model Creek School on August 26th. Superintendent Carter then spoke individually with the administration, Governing Board Members, and several community members prior to making the appointment.

Mrs. Thal has owned a home in the district since 1996, living in Peoples Valley continuously since 2011. She is married with a grown son.

Mrs. Thal earned an Associate Arts Degree from Suffolk County Community College in New York, before receiving a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from Northern Arizona University. She studied Elementary Education and Bilingual and Multicultural Education.

Mrs. Thal taught elementary school for twenty two (22) years, in five school districts. Her last position was with Model Creek School from 2011 to 2013.

Mr. Carter stated "Mrs. Thal interviewed extremely well. Her experience and knowledge as a teacher, her efforts as a parent, and her understanding of the community should serve her well in this new role. She should complement the existing Board Members very well."

Mr. Carter may be reached at 928-925-6560 (cell) and Mrs. Thal may be reached at 928-848-8941.