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### News Release ---- for Immediate Release

Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr. Charles Cruise, Esq. to the Seligman Unified School District Governing Board**. The appointment is effective upon swearing in and will conclude on December 31, 2014. The vacancy was created due to the resignation of Board Member Byron Southey due to health reasons. Mr. Southey's service to the community is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Cruise completed his Bachelor's Degree from Arizona State University in Business Administration. He followed that with a Juris Doctorate from the Arizona State University College of Law. As a licensed attorney, he has practiced law in several areas of Arizona for approximately forty years. In semi-retirement, he operates a Free Legal Clinic in Seligman.

Mr. Carter received Letters of Interest and interviewed four (4) qualified candidates in Seligman on Wednesday and Thursday, November 6-7, 2013. One of the candidates withdrew during the process. Prior to making the appointment, Superintendent Carter spoke individually with each currently seated Governing Board Member and the District Superintendent to receive their feedback. Mr. Carter was contacted by some community members who offered their insights into the appointment as well.

Superintendent Carter stated that "Mr. Cruise is familiar with the operations and scope of Governing Boards. He has served on several Boards, Committees and Commissions. He should be an excellent resource to his fellow Board Members. I believe he will represent the voters of the Seligman

School District very well. His past experiences as a parent, a businessman, and in working with people in various settings will be a benefit as he carries out his new responsibilities.”

Mr. Carter may be reached at 928-925-6560 (cell) and Mr. Cruise may be reached at 928-916-3013.