



## YAVAPAI COUNTY EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY

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### News Release – For immediate release

Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter is pleased to announce that five (5) residents of Yavapai College District Three (Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Jerome, Sedona, and the Village of Oak Creek) have applied for consideration for appointment to the Yavapai College Governing Board, for a term ending December 31, 2018. The seat is vacant due to the resignation of Mr. Al Filardo.

#### **Mr. Hal Alford:**

**Mr. Alford earned a Master of Arts in Special Education from Northern Arizona University, followed by an additional 52 hours in School Administration and Psychology. An educator since 1967, Mr. Alford worked in Oregon and Colorado, and served as a principal in several Arizona schools including Mingus Union High School. He resides in Cottonwood. He is a published author and currently operates Pinnacle Performance Consultants of Arizona LLC.**

#### **Mrs. Mary Beth Barr:**

**A resident of Jerome, Mrs. Barr earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from San Jose State University in California. She worked in the technology / semiconductor industry in California from 1987 to 2003 as a Marketing Director and Director of Worldwide Management for LSI Logic Corp. She currently serves as a Director for the Jerome Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society.**

#### **Dr. Connie Harris:**

**A resident of the Village of Oak Creek, Dr. Harris earned a Doctorate in Educational Administration and Leadership from Arizona State University. An educator since 1975, served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, director of educational service, and associate superintendent. Currently, the Arizona Director for AdvancED, a national and international accrediting agency, which accredits many Arizona institutions.**

#### **Mrs. Jessica Williamson:**

**Former Director of Departmental Affairs in the Department of Design and Construction of the Mayor's Office, New York City; Worked for the City of Sedona, Community Development Department implementing policies set by the City Council from 2007-2009. Served on the Sedona City Council from 2012-2016, B.A. in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Barbara; married, grown son. Resides in Sedona.**

**Dr. Thomas Yager:**

**An inventor and consultant with Ardent Research, former Lecturer in Physics at Grossmont College and the University of San Diego. Dr. Yager holds 16 patents and 6 others are pending. Associated with the Verde Valley, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) of Yavapai College. PhD in Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Dr. Yager resides in Sedona.**

Superintendent Carter and a committee of five (5) residents who live within District 3, will interview the candidates in Cottonwood on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The committee was appointed by Mr. Carter and is made up of a Yavapai College student, a Yavapai College Instructor, a taxpayer, a business person, and a community member. The committee will make recommendations to Superintendent Carter about the advantages and disadvantages of each candidate.

The County Superintendent will then speak individually with each seated Yavapai College Governing Board Member and with College Administration, seeking their input on the candidates.

Superintendent Carter would appreciate public involvement in this appointment. He invites residents of Yavapai College and specifically of District 3 to contact him directly by email at [Tim.Carter@yavapai.us](mailto:Tim.Carter@yavapai.us), by fax at 928-771-3329, or by phone or text at 928.925-6560. He is also willing to meet and speak individually with residents face to face. He has set aside time on Friday, December 9, 2016, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Yavapai County Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Mingus Room, 10 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Cottonwood, Az. 86326, to meet with any member of the community that would like to provide feedback to him about the candidates.

The appointment should be announced to the public by Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.