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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### ***Pine-Strawberry Elementary School District Governing Board Vacancy***

GLOBE - Gila County School Superintendent Linda O'Dell has announced the time line and process for appointment of a governing board member to the Pine-Strawberry Elementary School District Governing Board. No applicants came forward during the recent election cycle to run for this two-year position, originally created by the resignation of Mike Ward. Dave Prechtel, appointed to complete the remainder of Ward's term, was elected to a full four-year term in November. The term of the person appointed to fill the current governing board vacancy will expire in December, 2016, the end of the original four-year term.

In accordance with state statutes, the county school superintendent is charged with appointing governing board members. Registered voters who have lived in the Pine-Strawberry Elementary School District for at least one year are eligible to apply for appointment to the governing board. In addition to the residence requirement, Arizona Revised Statutes § 15-421 stipulates that appointees 1) cannot be employed by the district, nor can their spouse; 2) cannot be a member of any other school district governing board; and 3) cannot have any members of their immediate family who currently reside with them (or have resided in their home with the last four years) who are members of the governing board.

Potential board members are required to complete an application document as part of the appointment process. Governing board applicants must also submit a letter of interest and three letters of reference, and participate in a personal interview. Application packets are available at the school district office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. Application materials are also available at the Gila County Schools Office at the courthouse in Globe, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM or online at [www.gilacountyesa.org](http://www.gilacountyesa.org).

The deadline for submission of application documents is 5:00 PM, Monday, December 29, 2014. A selection committee will paper screen applications and interview selected candidates. O'Dell plans to appoint the new member in time for the January governing board meeting.

Contact Holly Sow or Linda O'Dell at (928) 402-8784 for additional information about the governing board application and appointment process.

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