

Contact: Mark Braun

RETIREMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT GETTEL

Action Requested: Accept the retirement of Steve Gettel, Superintendent of the Iowa School for the Deaf and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School, effective June 30, 2022. Superintendent Gettel's notice of intent to retire is included as Attachment A.



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October 25, 2021

President Mike Richards
Board of Regents, State of Iowa
11260 Aurora Avenue
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President Richards,

I am writing to inform the Board of Regents, State of Iowa that I will be retiring effective June 30, 2022.

It has been an honor to work for the Regents and serve as Superintendent of Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Iowa School for the Deaf. I am extremely proud of our staff and what we have accomplished over the past seven years. I am grateful for the support of the Regents, Board staff, and the many families we serve. I've appreciated the collaboration with our education partners and legislators to ensure Iowa's deaf, blind, and deafblind students have access to the best possible educational opportunities.

For 39 years I've had the professional and personal joy and satisfaction of teaching and leading in schools for the deaf and blind. While I will miss being a part of the outstanding team of educators at ISD and IESBVI the time has come to focus on my family.

In my remaining time, I will work with the Board and Executive Director Braun to ensure a smooth transition for the next superintendent and the leadership team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve Gettel".

Steve Gettel
Superintendent