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**NEWS RELEASE ANNOUNCING RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRUSTEE MICHAEL FLAHERTY'S RESIGNATION AND PROVISIONAL
APPOINTMENT DECISION, TIMELINE AND PROCESS**

On August 5, 2026, Rescue USD Trustee Michael Flaherty resigned from his four-year term, which expires in December 2028. Mr. Flaherty's resignation is effective July 24, 2026. In his resignation, Mr. Flaherty noted in part: "This is an incredibly difficult decision, as serving the students, families, staff, and the community of Rescue Union School District has been a tremendous honor and privilege. My decision is the result of my family's recent move outside of the district, which formally prevents me from continuing my current term alongside you as a Trustee. I am proud of the work we have accomplished together and grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the continued success and strength of the Rescue Union School District. I will truly treasure the relationships I have built and the experiences I have gained through this service."

On August 18, 2026, the Rescue Union School District Board voted to make a provisional appointment to fill this vacancy. The District's Board of Trustees has successfully used the provisional appointment process in the past to fill vacancies rather than calling for a special mid-term election at significant cost to the district. The provisional appointee serves through the November 2028 election.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and registered voters residing within the boundaries of the Rescue Union School District. The RUSD boundaries can be viewed at www.rescueusd.org and search for "[School Boundaries](#)."

All interested parties are encouraged to review the qualification requirements and request a Provisional Appointment Packet by contacting Christina Mason, the Rescue Union School District Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, by email at cmason@rescueusd.org or by phone at 530-672-4810.

Completed Provisional Appointment Packets may be emailed to cmason@rescueusd.org, delivered in person, or mailed to the Superintendent's Office at Rescue Union School District, 2390 Bass Lake Road, Rescue, CA 95672, or sent via fax to 530-677-0719. All candidate applications must be received by 3:00 p.m. on September 10, 2026. From September 11–14 2026, the Board will screen the applicants for eligibility and identify the candidates invited to interview. Selected applicants will be notified by the District Office as soon as the time of their interview is confirmed. A Special Board Meeting will be convened on September 22, 2026, and the Board of Trustees will interview prospective applicants in a public Open Session. The interviews will occur in the Rescue Union School District Board Room at 2390 Bass Lake Road, Rescue, CA 95672. It is anticipated that the provisional appointee will attend the next regular Board Meeting on October 13, 2026 to be sworn in.

For additional information, please contact Christina Mason in the Office of the Rescue Union School District Superintendent by email at cmason@rescueusd.org or phone at 530-672-4810.