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**Superintendent Watson Appoints Kathy Ring to Creighton Elementary School
District Governing Board**

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(Phoenix, AZ) - Today Maricopa County School Superintendent Steve Watson announced the appointment of Kathy Ring to the Governing Board of Creighton Elementary School District in Central Phoenix. Ring replaces Carla Rivera-Cruz who resigned in January.

"I have three criteria for appointing governing board members in case of a vacancy. First, candidates must be fully committed to the success of their local traditional public school district; second, they must be even-tempered, reasonable and respectful; and third, must be fiscally responsible with a focus of getting dollars to teachers and into the classroom," said Superintendent Watson.

Watson and his staff interviewed more than a dozen candidates for the position.

"Kathy Ring has been fully engaged in the district for some time, and has experience with the district's budget and operations. Most importantly, her dedication to the education of the students in the district is paramount, and her energy and passion for closing the achievement gap are her focus," said Watson.

Ring is a Technology, Program Management and Risk Executive Consultant and has a Masters Degree in IT Management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. She graduated from the Harvard Business School Executive Education Program and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from The Ohio State University.

"I am an advocate for public education and student success as our future needs will require and depend on the students of today and in the future. We must provide our students in Creighton School District with access to the best possible education and parents with the resources necessary to assist on the journey to attainment of a good education," said Ring.

In accordance with ARS 15-302, County School Superintendents have the statutory authority to appoint qualified individuals to fill vacancies on a school governing boards or, if appropriate, call for a special election in the district.

Creighton School District enrolls approximately 5,600 students and includes Biltmore Preparatory Academy, Creighton School, Excelencia School, Gateway School, Larry C. Kennedy School, Loma Linda School, Monte Vista School, Papago School, and William T. Machan School. Regular board meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month in the District Board Room at Papago-West, 2052 N. 36th Street in Phoenix.

Maricopa County contains 58 public school districts of which there are 276 governing board positions.

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