

# Schools chief says: 'It's time'

*Penfield Schools  
Superintendent  
Susan Gray will retire  
at the end of 2007.*

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Superintendent of Penfield Schools Susan Gray is following up on a promise she made to herself years ago.

That is to make sure she had time to do the things she loves, that she doesn't have time to do as a school administrator.

"I will have some time to do things like traveling," she said. "I've studied in France. I'd like to go rediscover France and go to a Yankees vs. Red Sox game in Yankee Stadium. It really is about having time to do different things."

Gray, who came to the district seven years ago, replaced outgoing Superintendent Richard Mace. Gray plans to retire Jan. 1, 2008. She said the next six months will be business as usual.

"I've still got six months of wonder and excitement and time to work with people," Gray said.

Prior to coming to Penfield, she served as superintendent, assistant superintendent and principal in the Hornell City School District. She also spent many years working in special education at the Steuben-Allegany BOCES.

A certified school psychologist, Gray has operated her own private psychology practice since 1981. She earned her undergraduate degree in psy-



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chology and French from the College of Wooster; her doctorate in educational psychology from Penn State University; her school psychologist certification from Alfred University and her educational administration certification from St. Bonaventure University.

Gray has published several papers and articles in the areas of education and psychology and continues to serve as an adjunct senior lecturer at the University of Rochester.

"As a professor and an education researcher, I promised myself I would have time to do some of those kinds of things that I haven't had time to do as an administrator," she said in terms of her decision to retire. "That's one of the factors involved."

Now that she's reached retirement age, Gray said, there are new challenges she wants to take on.

"This is just a wonderful district and community," she said. "It makes it hard to make that decision to go onto a new step in your life, but it's time."

Gray has been involved in numerous community organizations, including the United Way of Greater Rochester and the Penfield Business Association.

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"Dr. Gray has truly been an asset to Penfield," said Penfield school board President Anthony Felicetti. "She has always had the best interests of our children at heart and has worked tire-

lessly to move our district forward."

The board plans to discuss a search for a new superintendent at its June 19 meeting. Felicetti said he is confident that the six-month window Gray has provided will allow the school board to

conduct a thorough search.

"We will be seeking input from our students, teachers, staff, parents and residents as we move through this process to ensure that our next superintendent is a good fit for our entire community," Felicetti said.