

East Rochester Superintendent Mark Linton resigns from post

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Two months after being placed on paid administrative leave, East Rochester schools' Superintendent Mark Linton has resigned.

Linton has been the superintendent of the East Rochester Union Free School District in 2015. His paid leave started in early May. Neither Linton nor district officials publicly shared a reason behind the abrupt leave.

District spokeswoman Iva Petrosino said Linton "is resigning per terms of his contract."

At a Board of Education meeting Tuesday night, the board accepted Linton's resignation, according to a statement from the school district. Although he is still on leave, his final day will be July 31.

Richard Stutzman, who has been serving as acting superintendent since early May, will serve as the district's interim leader until the school board appoints a new permanent superintendent.

Stutzman previously served the district as interim superintendent for the district.

"The board expresses its appreciation to Dr. Linton for his four years with the district and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors," the district said in a written statement. "The Board of Education is confident the district's talented leadership team will help guide the district during this time of transition."

The district did not release details about how they will go about searching for a new superintendent.

Petrosino said the board has not finalized a timeline for the search. Once those details are set, she said, district officials will

share the information with the community.

According to the state Department of Education, approximately 960 students in kindergarten through 12th grade attend East Rochester schools.

Linton's leave is the second abrupt departure of a Monroe County superintendent in the past few months. In December, then-Gates Chili Central School District Superintendent Kimberle Ward was put on leave until June 30, the date on which she had already announced her plan to retire. The district appointed Ward's successor in April but never addressed why Ward was removed so hastily.

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