

## Three city school leaders to depart with chief change

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Three of Rochester School District Superintendent Bolgen Vargas' top deputies will leave the district with him at the end of the month, the district announced Monday. The three are Chief Financial Officer Bill Ansbro, Chief of Staff Patty Malgieri, and General Counsel Ed Lopez. In a letter to central office staff, Vargas said the departures would provide flexibility to incoming interim superintendent Daniel Lowengard.

When Vargas and school board members referred to tension over the composition of the Superintendent's Employee Group (SEG), Ansbro, Malgieri and Lopez seldom were far from their minds. The latter two in particular were seen as Vargas' main allies in district politics; Lopez's legal opinions about the superintendent's powers usually conflicted with those of School Board President Van White.

"I never once doubted their commitment to see this district change," White said. "In their leaving, my sincerest hope is those of us who remain will see that change happen, and I believe it will."

Ansbro and Malgieri both came to the district after serving in city government. Lopez left a professorship at Cornell University for the district and has said he plans to return there. Vargas will present some preliminary budget information at the school board meeting Thursday, his last as superintendent.

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**Patty Malgieri, the Rochester School District's chief of staff, is among the officials departing with Superintendent Bolden Vargas.**