

Portola Valley School District

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Eric Hartwig, Superintendent

PRESS RELEASE

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PORTOLA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE MAFFIA RESIGNS

Dear Parents and Portola Valley School District Community:

Yesterday, Trustee Michael Maffia submitted his resignation from the Portola Valley School District Board of Trustees, effective immediately. Trustee Maffia was elected to the board in November, 2017 and his term was slated to end in December, 2020. Mr. Maffia cited the increasing demands of his work, including extensive travel, that made continuing on the Board unrealistic.

In an email to the Board, Mr. Maffia wrote “This has been a difficult decision, but unfortunately my increased professional commitments have taken away my from work/life balance, and I need to commit my extra time to the family. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with each and everyone of you and have a deep respect for your commitments and thoughtful contributions.”

“Mike has been an invaluable voice and resource on the Board and his work on guiding the Facilities Master Plan was essential to the passage of Measure Z, and to the progress that we’ve already made toward initiating the building programs at both of our schools,” said Board President Jeffrey Klugman.

Superintendent Eric Hartwig thanks Trustee Maffia for his dedication to the improvement of the district and expresses appreciation for his dedicated work on the development of the building program.

At its meeting last night the Board of Trustees moved to launch the appointment process that the law provides for in the event of a vacancy on the Board. Announcements of the vacancy and directions about application procedures are being posted in local newspapers, and [on the District's website](#). Applications to fill the remaining 20 months of Mr. Maffia’s term are due by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 21, and the Board will interview applicants at its March 27 meeting, with the successful applicant being identified and seated at that meeting.

Eric Hartwig
Superintendent

Jeffrey Klugman
President, Board of Trustees