

## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

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Belcourt School District No. 7 is undergoing a citizen-initiated audit due to allegations of financial irregularities. In recent months, the State has received credible reports of harassment, threats and demands by certain school board members. After careful consideration of the reports and consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, it has been determined that suspension of certain members of the Belcourt School District No. 7 board will serve the best interests of the State, the School District and of greatest importance, the students served.

Based upon the foregoing and pursuant to North Dakota Century Code § 54-10-15, board member **Jeremy Laducer** is hereby immediately suspended from service as a member of the Board of Education for Belcourt School District No. 7, while the audit is pending.

Within five days from receipt of this notice, the Board of Education of Belcourt School District No. 7 shall convene and appoint an individual to replace the board member suspended while the audit is pending.

Dated this 25 day of April 2019.

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Based upon the foregoing and pursuant to North Dakota Century Code § 54-10-15, board member **Doug Delorme** is hereby immediately suspended from service as a member of the Board of Education for Belcourt School District No. 7, while the audit is pending.

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