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**SCHOOLCRAFT MEMORIAL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
RETIRES**

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On Tuesday, March 9, the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees announced that Chief Executive Officer David Jahn is retiring.

According to Chairman Rick Demers, the Board came to an agreement in principal that will accommodate Jahn's request to retire from his position and his seat on the Board.

Jahn signed the agreement Tuesday. The Board is expected to ratify it at a special meeting Thursday, March 11, at 10:00 a.m.

"In light of this announcement, the Board will move quickly to search for his replacement," Demers said. "Additionally, we will appoint an ad hoc committee of the Board that will work with the senior leadership team through this transition."

Until a replacement is named, Chief Operating Officer, Joy Strand has been designated as the person in charge of hospital operations.

Demers said it will not be easy to find a replacement for Jahn, who was hired in 1982. "He has worked very hard over the past 22 years to insure the citizens of Schoolcraft County have access to the best health care possible," he said. "Finding someone with his connections, qualifications, knowledge and experience will be a challenge.