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SVC finalist bows out, forums for others begin

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One of the finalists who sought to replace Gary Tollefson as president of Skagit Valley College has withdrawn her application.

Anne Temte, president of Northland Community and Technical College in Minnesota, informed the college's Board of Trustees on Sept. 26 that she was bowing out of the competition.

The remaining candidates will begin meeting this week with community members, students and faculty at a series of public forums.

Thomas Keegan, president of Peninsula College in Port Angeles, will be at a community forum today at the Mount Vernon campus and on Thursday on Whidbey Island.

Joseph Dunlap, president of Spokane Community College, will be at a community forum Thursday at the Mount Vernon campus and on Friday on Whidbey Island.

John Langrell III, executive vice president and chief academic officer at Riverland Community College in Austin, Minn., will be at a community forum Monday, Oct. 10, at the Mount Vernon campus and Tuesday, Oct. 11, on Whidbey Island.

The Mount Vernon community forums include breakfast and will take place at 7:30 a.m. in the Cardinal Cafe on the Mount Vernon campus. The Whidbey Island community forums will include lunch and will take place at noon at Oak Hall, Room 306, on the Whidbey Island Campus in Oak Harbor.

The candidates will spend the rest of each day in meetings with staff, students and faculty.

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