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Seattle schools' general counsel Ron English to retire

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Ron English (John Lok / The Seattle Times. file)

English, who has been in the position since 2011, was placed on administrative leave in February.

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The Seattle Public Schools general counsel announced his retirement Monday, according to Seattle Public Schools.

The counsel, Ron English, is 65 and has served in the position since 2011, says a news release. The release said English “stated he is leaving to spend more time with his family, including four grandchildren, and to travel.”

English was put on [administrative leave in February](#) for undisclosed reasons and was on leave when he notified the district of his retirement. The investigation was closed upon his retirement, with no findings, school district spokeswoman Stacy Howard said.

[Previously: Seattle schools' general counsel Ron English put on administrative leave](#)

Superintendent Larry Nyland wrote in a February letter addressed to district colleagues that the leave was “nondisciplinary in nature” but also said English was placed on leave to “support a fair, timely, and thorough investigation involving employee conduct.”

“... I want to personally thank Ron for his eighteen years of service to Seattle Public Schools,” said part of a statement from Nyland in the release. “During his time at Seattle Public Schools, he provided legal guidance and direction to the District on complex business, procurement, construction, municipal, environmental, property and school law issues.”

Information from the Seattle Times archives is included in this report.

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