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SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH UPDATE

Search Proceeding on Schedule

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Jasper, GA – The search for the next superintendent of the Pickens County School District is progressing on schedule. By the close of the application period on February 28, the Pickens Board of Education received a total of 49 applications. Applications were received from local, Georgia, and out of state candidates. The applicants are from eight states with the majority being from within Georgia. Ten of the applicants are females, and 39 are males. Eleven are experienced superintendents with the others being either principals, assistant superintendents, or holding similar positions in educational leadership.

The Board has received electronic input from 471 community members and 201 school system employees regarding the qualifications and skills believed to be most important in the selection of the next superintendent. There was general agreement among employees and community members as to the characteristics and skills the Board should seek in the next superintendent. Both community members and employees ranked honesty, high ethical and moral character, strong work ethic, willingness to make tough decisions, and willingness to listen to parents, students, and staff as the top five most important qualities.

“This is the highest number of applications we have had for a Georgia superintendent vacancy in recent years – it’s also the highest survey response we have ever experienced. We attribute this to the desirability of the position and to the strong level of community and staff support that exists for the school system,” states Dr. Sandy Addis, the lead facilitator of the superintendent search.

The Board, with assistance from Dr. Sandy Addis, is now in the process of reviewing the 49 applications, receiving reference information, considering survey responses, and designing the interview process. In the coming weeks, the Board will conduct first-round interviews and hope to name the next superintendent by mid-to-late April.

A link to the survey results is on the district website. “The Board greatly appreciates the response from parents, staff, and community members – it’s important to hear everyone’s voice. The results are one of the many components we must consider when selecting a new superintendent. We look forward to interviewing candidates,” states Daniel Bell, Board Chair.

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