

Community input sought in superintendent search

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH TIMELINE

AUG. 31 - Consultants issue survey and conduct focus groups to gather feedback from staff, students, parents and community

SEPT. 14 - Consultants present new superintendent profile to board

OCT. 19 - Consultants present six recommended candidates to the board;

OCT. 26-27 - Board conducts initial

interviews of six candidates

NOV. 4 - Board conducts second interviews of three finalists;

NOVEMBER - Board selects top choice, makes reference calls, conducts additional reference checks, and negotiates contract with selected candidate;

DEC. 14 - Board takes formal action on new superintendent's contract

JULY 1, 2016 - New superintendent assumes duties.

District 99 hosted forum for members of the community to provide feedback

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District 99 Superintendent Mark McDonald will retire at the end of

the 2015-16 school year, and the board of education is looking for input from the community.

Earlier this month, the board hosted a forum for members of the community to provide feedback on the search for a new superintendent of school and share what qualities they would like to see in the new hire. In addition to the Sept. 1 meeting, residents could also fill out an

online survey.

"It's an exciting time for all of us at District 99, as we thoughtfully search for our next leader," Board of Education President Nancy Kupka said in a release. "Our high schools are two of the best in the nation, and we are committed to finding someone who will deliver excellent educational programming and be focused on student success."

In July, District 99 hired outside search firm School Exec Connect to conduct a nationwide search for McDonald's predecessor.