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School District of Altoona Superintendent Finalists Named

After a long day of interviews, the Altoona School Board has selected three superintendent finalists to take part in the last steps of the interview process on Monday, April 20.



Selected from a strong pool of 28 applicants from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Georgia, Indiana, Maine and Missouri, six candidates participated in Round I interviews today (April 18).

The Finalists:

- Dr. Joshua Isaacson, Superintendent for De Soto School District in De Soto, Missouri for the past four years
- Dr. Heidi Taylor-Eliopoulos, Superintendent for Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District for the past five years
- Mr. Eric Wright, Superintendent for the Elk Mound Area School District for the past four years

(Photos attached.)

The Next Step:

On Monday, the three finalists will each interview virtually with a selected representative group of students, parents, community members, teachers, support staff, and administrators. After reviewing feedback from this team, the Board will conduct final interviews on Monday afternoon. The Board plans to offer a contract to one of the three at the conclusion of that final step.

Robin Elvig, Board President, stated, "We are so pleased with the pool of candidates for our superintendent position. It was difficult to narrow the pool to three because they are all remarkable leaders. I am excited for the future of the students of the School District of Altoona."

Dr. Ronald Walsh, interim superintendent, said, "I'm proud of the school board and community for moving ahead through these difficult times. By jumping in and taking on the challenge of another superintendent hiring they have proven the value of moving on for the good of our students."

The search process was facilitated by School Exec Connect, a national search and consulting firm.

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