

May 12, 2021

Update from the board chair

Our search for the next Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent has continued to move forward and we are on track to name a new superintendent in early June.

As we established in our timeline, our team has been busy checking references of the candidates interviewed by the Screening Committee. This includes contacting peers, supervisors, and direct reports. The search firm from Greenwood/Asher has made between 10 and 15 reference calls per candidate and will be sharing the information gathered from the reference checking with the Screening Committee this Friday (May 14).

The Fayette County Board of Education will hold a special meeting on Monday, May 17, during which the elected members of the Superintendent Screening Committee will present their recommended finalists. At an earlier meeting, the board charged the committee to bring forth a slate of 3 to 5 finalists who they feel best meet the qualifications established in our position profile. Once the board reviews and accepts the slate of finalists, these candidates will be notified and their names will be made public.

This step will complete the critical work of our Screening Committee. They have spent the past few months reviewing applicant materials, completing screening interviews, and conducting referencing — all ending with recommendations to our board for our consideration. We thank the committee for the significant amount of time that they have put into the search and the vital perspectives they brought as representatives of their stakeholder groups as outlined in Kentucky statute (board members, administrators, teachers, classified staff, and parents).

I know our community is eager to meet and learn more about the finalists. On Monday, May 24, we will publicly announce the names of our finalists at our regularly scheduled board meeting. Later that week, the finalists will meet virtually with internal stakeholders such as students, parents and families, and staff. Additionally, we are planning to conduct public forums as an opportunity for our community to “meet” our finalists and provide feedback as the board weighs this critical decision. Tentatively, we’re planning to have the public forums during the evenings of May 26 and May 27.

Specific dates and times for the public forums will be set once we know how many finalists we will be considering. The voices of our students, employees, families, and community members will continue to play an important role in helping us select the next leader for our school district. We will share additional information about how you can participate in coming weeks. Please see the [FAQs](#) if you have any questions, and I encourage you to reach out with additional questions.

Sincerely,

Tyler Murphy
Fayette County Board of Education chair