



Thursday, June 14, 2018

Dear Parents and Community Members,

As you may know, this summer is a time of transition for the Birmingham Public Schools. As we say farewell to our Superintendent, Dr. Daniel Nerad, the Board and leadership team are actively preparing for the 2018-19 year ahead.

At the June 5th Board meeting, the Board named John Silveri as Interim Superintendent. Mr. Silveri retired from his position as Superintendent of the Waterford School District in 2015 and has since acted both as the Interim Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources as well as the Interim Deputy Superintendent for School Administration here in Birmingham Public Schools. We believe that as an experienced educational leader and someone who knows our community and culture, Mr. Silveri will provide a seamless leadership transition for our District in the year ahead.

In addition, the Board released a request for proposals to a range of national and local superintendent search firms, and four different proposals were received. Our hope is to select a firm at the July Board meeting. As in the past, we look forward to finding a search firm that walks with the Board as we locate and hire a candidate passionate about educational excellence and eager to build strong partnerships with our parents, students, teachers and educational associations.

In the months to come, please visit our school website at www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/Superintendent_Search to find updates related to the search process. Updates will include the name of the new search firm and a timeline for the process. In addition, the website will identify stakeholder involvement in the process.

While the Board is charged by the state with hiring the new superintendent, we are committed to listening and identifying key concerns as part of the hiring process. Regardless of who is hired, the new superintendent needs to understand the perspective of the various stakeholder groups. Working with our parents and community members, our teachers and staff members, we will gather feedback both on the various candidates as well as on areas of importance and concern.

Finally, the Board heard clearly from parents and students that the College Preparatory Math/Integrated Math Program needs to be implemented differently. The teachers and staff members also want an implementation process that reflects both their commitment to excellence and their professional judgment on how to best teach their students. The Board supports their work and will be looking forward to the proposed outcomes that come with this curriculum. Our Math Department is actively engaged both with professional development and ongoing assessment to identify how to best implement the program with your child in mind!

As a Board, we also wish to offer a word of thanks. Birmingham Public Schools is strong because of our community's ongoing support and partnership. As a Board, our first priority is doing what is best for the students and families of our community. We appreciate and value your words of support as well as your feedback regarding areas to improve and grow. Together, we are making a difference in the daily lives of our children and in the long-term future of our community!

Sincerely,

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