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Mansfield Board of Education Begins Search for New Superintendent

Mansfield, CT—The Mansfield Board of Education, acting in the capacity of the Superintendent Search Committee, has formally begun the search for the new Superintendent of Schools and is seeking community input. Trumbull-based Cooperative Educational Services (C.E.S.) Executive Search Services is facilitating the search on behalf of the Board.

The Mansfield community is invited to participate in the search process by providing input to the Board. All members of the school and extended community are encouraged to take an online survey and take part in a series of focus group meetings. The search consultant with C.E.S. will facilitate the focus group meetings and administer the online survey.

The focus group meetings will take place at various locations in Mansfield during the week of April 27. The online survey will be posted on the Mansfield Schools website, www.mansfieldct.gov/mboe, on Monday, April 6, and participants can take the survey through Friday, April 24.

Randall Walikonis, Mansfield Board of Education Chairman, states "Mansfield as a community has always had a strong involvement in our schools. The participation and input of all the stakeholders of our community is critical for guiding the search process and is highly valued by the Board."

The online survey will allow stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the leadership qualifications and personal characteristics desired in the new superintendent, as well as to help to identify issues facing the school district. All responses will be anonymous. All staff, students, parents, and community members are encouraged to participate in the online survey.

The focus group meetings are designed to engage community members in discussion on leadership expectations for the next superintendent, as well as the strengths and challenges of Mansfield Public Schools. Specific dates and times of the focus group meetings, to be scheduled for the week of April 27, will soon be posted to the district's website.

The C.E.S. search consultant will compile the data from the online survey and the focus group meetings into a comprehensive leadership profile. Once completed and approved by the Board, the report will be posted on the district website. The search committee will use the leadership profile as a framework for reviewing candidate applications and structuring interview questions and search activities.

The process is expected to conclude in the late spring with the selection and appointment of the new superintendent, who is expected to assume leadership of the Mansfield Public Schools in the summer of 2015.