

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



MEMORANDUM

TO: Boston School Committee Chairperson and Members
FROM: Alexandra Oliver-Dávila, BSC member and co-chair,
Superintendent Search Committee
SUBJECT: 2018-19 Superintendent Search Committee Engagement Process
DATE: October 17, 2018

With the membership and charge of the 2018-19 Superintendent Search Committee now approved by the Boston School Committee, co-chair Dr. Keith Motley and I would like to outline the first phase of engagement with BPS stakeholders. We propose an aggressive timeline in order to reach our shared goal of having a new superintendent in place by the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

The Superintendent Search Committee will meet in the School Committee Chamber of the Bruce C. Bolling Building in Roxbury on the following dates:

- Wednesday, October 24, 2018 from 6-8PM
- Wednesday, November 14, 2018 from 7-8:30 PM (immediately following a special meeting of the School Committee, as described below)
- Monday, November 26, 2018 from 6-8 PM
- Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 6-8PM
- Monday, January 14, 2019 from 6-8PM

These meetings will be publicly posted and will include an opportunity for public comment.

The Search Committee is partnering with a range of community organizations to hold a series of district-wide listening sessions to gather input on desired characteristics and priorities for our next superintendent. Community listening sessions are being scheduled for the following dates, from 6-8 PM:

- Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at the Boston Teachers Union
- Thursday, November 15, 2018, location to be determined
- Monday, November 19, 2018, location to be determined
- Thursday, December 6, 2018, location to be determined, co-hosted by the Boston Branch NAACP
- Monday, December 10, 2018 (in Spanish), at the East Boston Social Center, co-hosted by the Greater Boston Latino Network and Amplify.
- A youth session co-hosted by the Boston Student Advisory Council (BSAC) from 4-6 PM, date and location to be determined
- A session co-hosted by the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, date and location to be determined

Additional Search Committee meetings and listening sessions may be added. The Search Committee will also identify additional avenues for the the public to provide input.

I want to thank Chairperson Loconto for scheduling a special School Committee meeting on November 14th from 5-7 p.m. to provide the Committee with an opportunity to:

1. Vote on an RFP to be released for search firm services (following an expected Search Committee presentation to the School Committee on November 7th).
2. Receive an initial presentation on a draft job description from the Search Committee, which would have met once and conducted two community listening sessions by that time.

It is expected that the School Committee would then receive additional feedback from the Search Committee and the public at the November 28 School Committee meeting, and vote on a final job description for immediate posting at the December 5 School Committee meeting.

The Superintendent Search Committee is eager to begin this critical work. We are committed to an inclusive and dynamic public engagement process that welcomes all voices in our shared commitment to identify the best leader to move our district forward.