

# THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



**TO:** Boston School Committee Members  
**FROM:** Michael Loconto, Chairperson  
**SUBJECT:** Superintendent Finalists Public Interview Outline  
**DATE:** April 10, 2019

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I am pleased to share with the Committee a tentative schedule for superintendent finalist public interviews, which are being planned for Monday, April 22 - Thursday, April 25, 2019 (exact dates to be determined based on the number of finalists and availability). Similar to the 2015 Superintendent Search Process, each finalist will spend one day in Boston participating in a series of public interviews with the School Committee, as well as panel discussions with BPS students, parents, teachers, school leaders, and community partners.

The daily tentative schedule for finalist interviews, which is subject to change based on concluding the search process and candidate availability, is as follows:

## **10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Panel Discussion with Community Partners**

Bolling Building, televised (Boston City TV)

Moderator: Paul Francisco – State Street Bank Global Head of Diversity; BPS Parent (BLS & Quincy); Playworks

- Vanessa Calderon-Rosado, IBA
- Abdulkadir Hussein, ACEDONE
- Kristin McSwain, Boston Opportunity Agenda
- Segun Idowu, Community Member
- Anthony Benoit, President, Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology

## **1 - 3 p.m. School Committee Interview**

Bolling Building, televised (Boston City TV)

## **4 - 5:30 p.m. Panel Discussion with BPS Students and Teachers**

Alternating School Locations: East Boston High School & Mildred Ave. K-8, Mattapan (schedule TBD)

Co-Moderators: Elvis Rodriguez, student, Snowden International High School and Search Committee member; Anissa Essaibi-George, Boston City Council Councilor At-Large

- Katie Li, teacher, Charlestown High School, and English Language Learners Task Force Member
- Adrienne Level, Instructional Leader, Boston Day & Evening Academy
- Ana Tavares, Principal, Rafael Hernandez School
- Robert Jenkins, BPS alumnus, and volunteer, Generations Inc.; member, Madison Park Technical Vocational High School Parent Council
- Ruth Ayuso, Fenway High School student and Sociedad Latina member

**6:30 – 8 p.m. Panel Discussion with BPS Parents, School Leaders**

Bolling Building, televised (Boston City TV)

Moderator: Carlos Brown, BPS parent, Guild Elementary School, and Search Committee Member

- Dr. Colin Rose, Assistant Superintendent for Opportunity & Achievement Gaps
- David Shapiro, BPS parent, Boston Latin Academy and Curley K-8 School
- Beliza Veras-Moriarty, BPS parent, Fenway High School and Murphy K-8 School
- LaToya Gayle, BPS parent, Henderson Inclusion School; Boston Schools Finder; Phenomenal Moms
- Gene Roundtree, headmaster, Snowden International High School

I want to extend a sincere thank you to the nearly 20 community members that have volunteered their time to help facilitate the community's consideration of the finalists for Superintendent of Schools. This group includes nine current parents of BPS students, teachers, school leaders, the Chair of the Boston City Council's Education Committee, a central office administrator leading our work on closing opportunity and achievement gaps, and a number of invested community partners that help support the district and our students to succeed.

I would also like to once again extend my overwhelming thanks to the Superintendent Search Committee, and our colleague, Vice Chair Alexandra Oliver-Dávila, and her co-chair on the search, Dr. J. Keith Motley. The Search Committee has been working diligently and tirelessly since the beginning of this school year to draft a job description, recruit top talent and interview candidates. Since October, the Committee has met for more than 64 hours, which includes six citywide six listening sessions, 8 public meetings, and 36 hours of confidential interviews and deliberations that have yielded robust, thoughtful conversation between a diverse set of highly qualified candidates and committee members.

As has been noted in previous updates, the position has attracted interest from a diverse and talented pool of 57 prospective candidates, 39 of whom submitted materials for consideration by the search committee.

The School Committee looks forward to receiving the Search Committee's final recommendations. The public is encouraged attend or watch the live streamed panel sessions and send feedback about the candidates to [superintendentsearch@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:superintendentsearch@bostonpublicschools.org). I look forward to discussing this matter further and answering your questions at tonight's Committee meeting.