

A Message to all District 64 Parents/Guardians from Board of Education President Anthony Borrelli:

As you know, the Board of Education has been working with BWP & Associates to facilitate a national search for a new superintendent to join us on July 1.

I would like to share with you an update on the progress of the search, which we hope to conclude in January.

Community input into the decision process has been vitally important to this effort. We are very gratified by the high level of participation of parents, staff and community members in developing the **District 64 Leadership Profile**, which BWP presented to the Board on November 18 and is shared on our website. In all, BWP reported that input from almost 1,000 voices is reflected in the **Profile**, which gathers the thoughts, wishes and expectations that the community looks for in our new superintendent.

Last week, the Board interviewed six candidates recommended by BWP. BWP selected them for our consideration from a much larger pool of applicants from across the country, including men and women from Illinois and other states; no applications were submitted from within District 64. BWP used a rigorous screening and interview process to identify this top group of individuals who it believes best match the **Leadership Profile** our community created together.

The Board has now narrowed the field of candidates to two finalists. We will be inviting them to meet with District 64 community members here in early January after Winter Break. We hope you will take the opportunity to participate in this final step through one of the public meetings planned. We anticipate having the candidates undergo a rigorous interview process with administration, staff and the community. More information on the events will be announced soon.

Following the January candidate visits to District 64, the Board then will meet to select a preferred candidate and will visit his or her home school district. We would like to have our site visit completed by the end of January, if schedules permit. If what we learn through our first-hand visit reconfirms our selection, we anticipate announcing our final selection in late January or early February.

We look forward to updating you again soon on our progress in selecting an outstanding new leader for District 64.