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Milwaukee Board of School Directors to Re-Open Superintendent Application Window

MILWAUKEE, WI – The Milwaukee Board of School Directors has announced its decision to re-open the application window for the position of Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS). This decision, made during a special board meeting held on the evening of December 17, 2024, reflects the Board’s commitment to ensuring a thorough and inclusive search that results in the selection of a leader best suited to guide MPS into the future.

“Our goal is to secure the most highly qualified individual to lead our district in its mission to welcome all students and prepare them for success in higher education, post-educational opportunities, work, and citizenship,” said Marva Herndon, President of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors. “By re-opening the window, and gathering additional applications, we aim to develop a deeper slate of candidates and ensure we are considering a diverse and robust pool of talented leaders.”

This decision will extend the timeline for the search; however, the Board still hopes to conclude the search and identify the ideal candidate by early spring.

“This is about kids,” said Vice President Gokalgandhi. “We need to ensure that we have a slate of candidates who are equally able and willing to do the work that needs to be done to shine a light on the district’s strengths and move Milwaukee Public Schools forward.”

To facilitate the process, the Board will continue working with Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates (HYA) to communicate with current candidates and to identify and recruit additional candidates who demonstrate a proven record of leadership accomplishment, equity-focused decision-making, and a commitment to student achievement.

The revised timeline for the application process will be announced in the coming weeks, and updates will be shared through the MPS website and other district communication channels. The Board remains committed to conducting a transparent and inclusive process, ensuring that all stakeholders are kept informed and engaged throughout.

Milwaukee Public Schools is the largest school district in Wisconsin, serving over 60,000 students. The next superintendent will play a critical role in shaping the future of education in Milwaukee, fostering innovation, and strengthening partnerships across the community.

The Milwaukee Board of School Directors thanks the community for its ongoing support and engagement as we work to select the best leader for our district.

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For more information about the superintendent search, please visit <https://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/District/About-MPS/School-Board/MPS-Superintendent-Search.htm> or contact the Office of Board Governance at 414-475-8284.