

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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**BOARD MOVES FORWARD WITH SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**

The Laurens County Board of Education continues to work on selecting a new Superintendent of Schools. Planning for the search began in June. The Board asked King-Cooper and Associates, a superintendent search firm, to serve as consultants for the search. The position was advertised with an application deadline of August 18, 2017, and information about the search has been available on the school system website. The Board also conducted an online survey that was completed by almost 600 community members and school district staff.

On Tuesday, August 29, the Board will review applicants and begin planning the interview process. Interviews will start in late September and continue for several weeks. After a first round of interviews, the Board will select a small number of candidates for a second round of interviews.

The Board received thirty-six applicants for the position. Twenty-three of the applicants have a doctorate and all but one met the requirement of having a six year leadership certificate. Nine of the applicants are superintendents or have superintendent experience. Also in the search are fifteen assistant superintendents or system directors, ten principals, and two in other education related positions. Twenty-seven of the applicants are from Georgia school systems.

“We are very pleased with the quality of applicants” stated Mrs. Brenda Hilton Board Chair. “This is a critical decision and the Board is committed to selecting an excellent leader for our school system. We appreciate the community’s input into this process” she continued.