

PRESS RELEASE
LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOLS BEGIN SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

At the regular June board meeting, the Laurens County Board of Education approved King - Cooper and Associates to lead their superintendent search. This search for the next Superintendent of the Laurens County School System is now underway. On Tuesday, May 23, 2017, the board held their first planning session with a representative of King - Cooper and Associates, a Georgia firm that will assist the board with the search.

The board has set a tentative timeline for the search that includes a deadline of August 18, 2017, as the last day to accept applications. King - Cooper and Associates will be mailing vacancy announcements about the search next week. The search announcement will also be posted on various internet sites. The board is also developing a survey to receive input from employees and community members related to the qualities desired in the next superintendent. It is the board's desire to conduct a thorough search process that involves the community and employees while maintaining the necessary confidentiality of applicants until finalists are selected.

In the coming weeks, the board will also be developing a leadership profile that includes the skills and competencies desired of the next superintendent. The profile will be important as the board determines the best candidates to consider and interview for the position. It is expected interviews will begin in late September and continue through October. Frank King, a representative from King – Cooper stated searches usually take five to six months. He also explained to the board that a search in the summer months can be challenging because potential candidates are under contract for the school year in their current school systems.

The need for a search for a new superintendent was created when Dr. Juli Alligood resigned as superintendent late in the school year. The board has selected Mr. Jerry Hatcher, a former Superintendent of the Laurens County School System, to serve as interim superintendent effective July 1, 2017.