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Region 14 Superintendent Search Starts With Focus Groups, Survey

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WOODBURY, CT – The Region 14 Board of Education has begun the process of identifying a new Superintendent of Schools and has selected Cooperative Educational Services (CES) to conduct the search.

Board of Education Chairman George Bauer is leading the Superintendent Search Committee, which includes all of the Region 14 Board of Education members. The next superintendent is expected to be chosen in May following a series of interviews with candidates and begin work Aug. 15, 2022, replacing Acting Superintendent Wayne McAllister.

"The Region 14 Board of Education is extremely proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff, and the support that we have from our community," said George Bauer, who is chairman of the Board of Education and leads the Superintendent Search Committee. "We are looking forward to engaging in the process of securing the best leader for the Region 14 schools and encourage our constituents to provide their feedback on the qualities and attributes of the ideal candidate."

CES has already begun recruiting candidates and sharing the posting information. It has reached out to nearly 2,000 current superintendents (and those certified to serve as superintendents) in the Northeast and approximately 7,750 more district leaders and regional superintendent organizations across the country. The job opening is also promoted on a number of state and national education-related websites.

The CES team will hold virtual Focus Group meetings April 7 to collect feedback and identify desirable leadership characteristics in the next superintendent. A schedule for the focus groups is below and a link to the virtual sessions is at www.ctreg14.org/superintendentsearch.

- Region 14 students: 10 a.m.
- Teachers and school staff: 4 p.m.
- School and district administrators: 4:45 p.m.
- School parents: 5:30 p.m.
- Community groups and residents: 6:15 p.m.
- Town officials: 7 p.m.

An online survey is open to Bethlehem and Woodbury residents and Region 14 school staff, accessible now through Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 11:55 p.m. Links to the survey, plus other updates throughout the search, will be found at www.ctreg14.org/superintendentsearch.

CES is a Trumbull-based agency that provides support and services to school districts and communities in Fairfield County through its school and programs. Its Executive Searches division has helped districts secure qualified candidates to fill superintendent, principal and other school administrative positions for districts and schools throughout Connecticut. Facilitating the search will be CES Search Consultants Dr. Charles Dumais (dumaisc@cestrumbull.org) and Mr. David Erwin (erwin@edadvance.org).