

President's report Dec 18, 2024

Thank you, Dr. Lutinski, for those heartfelt words and for your incredible service to Rye Neck. There will be more opportunities for the community to express their appreciation for all that you have done for our children, but please know that we as a Board are so grateful for your many years as a teacher, principal, and superintendent. Through your calm and effective leadership, you have created great affection from the community and particularly from the people with whom you work most closely. Few superintendents are as beloved as you. This must be an exciting time for you and your family, and we wish you only good things as you open the next chapter of your life.

Transitions in leadership can make us feel uncertain, but we as a Board are fully committed to finding the next leader of Rye Neck schools. We have a highly compelling district: a great group of principals and administrators, terrific teachers, sensational students, and an engaged and talented community. There will be opportunities for stakeholders to provide their input and be kept abreast of the search. We are highly confident that we will attract a great leader for our schools in advance of Dr. Lutinski's retirement in June.

The first step in the process is to hire a search firm. To this end, we have already interviewed 3 firms that were recommended to us. Each has conducted searches in similar districts to ours in Westchester. Once we hire a firm, they will help us set the process and the timeline. The process will include feedback from the administrators, teachers, students, and the community. We will incorporate that feedback into a profile of the Superintendent, which will guide our search. We will give the community regular updates about the process.

We know that hiring a Superintendent is the most important duty that we have as a Board. We are eager to work with the community to define the characteristics of our next leader and to work with a search firm to find a person who fits that profile.