



February 23, 2026

Dear Hampton Township School District Community Members,

Many of you have heard that Dr. Michael Loughead will retire effective June 30, 2026, after ten years of distinguished service as Superintendent of Schools. In response, the Board of School Directors has officially launched the search for his successor.

At our February 9, 2026 board meeting, we approved the hiring of two regional consultants, Dr. Bart Rocco and Dr. Bille Rondinelli, to facilitate the search process. We are pleased to work with Dr. Rocco and Dr. Rondinelli, who bring extensive experience working with public schools both regionally and nationally, and who are already well-acquainted with the Hampton Township School District.

Selecting a new superintendent is one of the most important responsibilities of any Board of Education. To guide this process, we are seeking input from Hampton Township School District stakeholders and the broader Hampton community. The feedback we gather will play a meaningful role in helping the Board identify and select the next Superintendent of Hampton Township School District.

One of the first steps in this process is for our consultants to organize and host community focus groups. These sessions are designed to gather the perspectives of teachers, support staff, administrators, parents, students, caregivers, and community members — specifically regarding the characteristics, experiences, knowledge, and leadership qualities they hope to see in our next superintendent.

More details about the focus groups will be shared in the coming weeks. Please note that advance registration will be required for community members who wish to participate. Updates will be communicated via email, and additional information will be available on the Hampton Township School District website under the Superintendent Search page, found in the District News menu.

The Board of School Directors is committed to keeping the school community informed throughout this process. Please know that all candidate information will be handled with the utmost confidentiality. If you have any questions, we encourage you to reach out to any member of the School Board.

Sincerely,

The Hampton Township School District Board of School Directors

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