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## **Superintendent Search Update**

At this time, the Marion County School District Board of Trustees has decided to pause its superintendent search. We would like to thank all the candidates who were interested in the position and give special thanks to our finalists who engaged with our community as a part of this process. We also thank the members of our community who have provided us with feedback throughout the superintendent search process. The Board believes that the hiring of a superintendent is our most important responsibility. Accordingly, it is important to us that our decision is carefully and thoughtfully made and in the best interests of our students and their families.

In light of the upcoming retirement of Dr. Kandace Bethea, and to maintain stability in our District, the Board intends to employ an interim superintendent as the District's administrative leader at the conclusion of Dr. Bethea's term. We will inform the public when a decision has been made. We trust that District employees and members of our community will join us in supporting the interim superintendent when he or she is hired, as we all have the same goal in mind of assuring a high-quality education for our students.

Nadine Foxworth- Board Chair

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