

May 1, 2017

Dear Members of the Lakeport Educational Community,

I'm writing once again to update you on our superintendent search. Our Board has been very busy since my April 14th update to you.

The deadline for applications from candidates desiring to be our superintendent was Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Fifteen people submitted applications and they came in from as far away as Seattle, Washington all the way down to San Diego.

The professional screeners spent Saturday and Sunday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, screening the applications against the criteria that came from all the input our community provided to Dr. Mahoney. We considered the input from the screeners at our Special Board Meeting on Monday evening, April 24<sup>th</sup>. We identified seven very strong candidates and invited six of them to interview with us on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We interviewed using questions developed from the input we received starting at 7:00 a.m. By 8:30 p.m. that night we decided to invite three candidates back for a more intensive, final interview the next day.

The three finalists were very strong and any one of the three could serve as our superintendent.

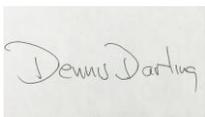
After significant deliberation and discussion, our Board identified one final candidate to move forward in the process. The next steps are for Dr. Mahoney to contact fifteen references for the candidate, negotiate a contract, and to have a professional background check conducted. If we can get these tasks accomplished this week, we hope to be able to announce the name of our new superintendent by the end of the week.

Contract approval will be on the agenda at our May 11th Board meeting.

The new superintendent will spend three days in our district prior to the end of the school year to meet staff and spend time transitioning with Erin. The official start date is July 1st.

We are very pleased with the process, the quality of the candidates who applied, and especially with who we have selected to fill the position. We believe you will be, too!

Sincerely,



Dennis Darling, Board President  
Lakeport Unified School District