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Everett school board begins search for superintendent

The board of directors of Everett Public Schools begins its search for a new district superintendent this month with a series of public meetings, an online survey, a special e-mail address and a designated phone number, all designed to gather input from the public. The board hopes to have a new superintendent named by early spring 2009 and ready to begin work on July 1.

"The aggressive timeline begins on Oct. 22 with a PTSA-hosted public meeting in which board members plan to collect opinions about the [qualities and attributes](#) this community believes are important for our district leader to have," says Board President Karen Madsen. The PTSA event will be followed the last week of October with two days of meetings at three different times of each day. We know that some people can meet with us in the morning; others are not able to meet until the afternoon, and for some, the best time to meet is after dinner. The meeting dates, times and locations are:

- Wednesday, Oct. 22,
 - 7-8 p.m. in the [View Ridge Elementary](#) cafeteria, 202 Alder St., Everett
- Tuesday, Oct. 28,
 - 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the [Administrative Service Center](#), 4730 Colby Ave., Everett
 - 4-5 p.m. in the [Cascade High School](#) library, 801 E. Casino Road, Everett
 - 7-8 p.m. in the Cascade High School library
- Thursday, Oct. 30,
 - 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the [Heatherwood Middle School](#) library, 1419 Trillium Blvd. SE, Mill Creek
 - 4-5 p.m. in the [H.M. Jackson High School](#) library, 1508 136th St. SE, Mill Creek
 - 7-8 p.m. in the H.M. Jackson High School library

"We have drafted a list of attributes to begin our discussions at these meetings," said Madsen. "We are asking community members, parents, and staff to tell us if these are the right attributes for the superintendent to have to lead this district's efforts to support each student's learning."

Knowing that not everyone will attend a meeting, the board invites the public to comment electronically:

- The district Web site home page includes a link to an [online survey](#), "...which will capture public opinion about what is important in a new superintendent," said Madsen.
- Those who wish to comment with a phone message may do so by calling 425-385-7878 and leaving a message for the board.
- "If e-mail is your preference, we have an address established just for you," noted Madsen. You can comment on the attributes by writing to SuperintendentSearch@everettsd.org.

Only board members will read the e-mails and listen to the phone messages. All comments left on the survey, by e-mail or by phone message will be received and considered by all five board members.

The board estimates that it will save from \$50,000 to \$75,000 by conducting the search themselves rather than hiring an outside consultant. "We have a track record of success with an open, community process run by the board," said Board President Karen Madsen. "These October meetings, and variety of ways of gathering public comment, are the first steps as we prepare to advertise the position nationally and attract quality applicants."