

PRESS RELEASE

The Seymour Board of Education has procured the services of Executive Search Services, Cooperative Educational Services (C.E.S.) of Trumbull, CT to assist in the recruitment and selection process for a new superintendent of schools to replace current superintendent, Christine Syriac, who will be retiring at the end of this school year. Search consultants Jim Ritchie and Tom Jokubaitis will conduct Focus Group meetings on February 23 in order to attain school employee and community opinion about the desired attributes of a new superintendent of schools. All focus group meetings will take place at the Seymour Middle School according to the following schedule:

10:00 AM – Seymour School Administrators

11:00 AM – Seymour Central office Administrators

1:15 PM – Public Officials

2:45 PM - Secondary School Teachers and Non-Certified Employees

4:00 PM – Elementary School Teachers and Non-Certified Employees

7:00 PM – Community Members and Parents

In addition to the focus group meetings, an on-line survey will be accessible through a link on the school district web site for all Seymour citizens and school employees to express their opinions about the desired attributes of a new superintendent of schools. This survey will be accessible from February 16 through 26, 2017.

Opinions expressed through the focus groups and the on-line survey will be consolidated into a report for the Seymour Board of Education to review and use to establish priority attributes for consideration in the recruitment and selection of the new superintendent. This report, once accepted by the Board, will be posted on the district web site for public access.

Seymour Board of Education Chairman, Yashu Putorti, has stated, *“It is the hope of the Board of Education that many Seymour citizens and school employees will participate in either the focus group meetings or on-line survey. This is the best way for the Board to understand the sentiments of our stakeholders as we go about one of the most important of our responsibilities, the hiring of a superintendent of schools to serve as our educational leader. We expect to have a new superintendent on the job as soon after June 30 as possible, and before the start of the next school year.”*