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JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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BOARD MOVES FORWARD WITH SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

The Jasper County Board of Education continues to work on selecting a new Superintendent of schools. Planning for the search began in October after Dr. Mike Newton announced he was leaving the district at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. The Board engaged King-Cooper and Associates, a superintendent search firm, to serve as consultants for the search. The position was advertised with an application deadline of December 14, 2018 and information about the search has been available on the school system website. The Board also conducted an online survey that was completed by over 480 community members and school district staff.

On Thursday, January 10, the Board began reviewing applications and planning the interview process. Interviews will begin in late January and continue for several weeks. After a first round of interviews, the Board will select a small number of candidates for a second round of interviews.

The Board received thirty-six applicants for the position. Twenty of the applicants have a doctorate and all but one met the requirement of having a minimum of the six-year leadership certificate. Six of the applicants are superintendents or have superintendent experience. Also, in the search are nineteen assistant superintendents or system directors, eight principals, and four in other education related positions. Twenty-nine of the applicants are from Georgia school systems, two are from Florida, and one each from North Carolina, New Mexico, Michigan, Tennessee, and Missouri.

“We are very pleased with the number and quality of applicants” stated Mr. Bill Schilling, Board Chair. “This is a critical decision and the Board is committed to selecting another excellent leader for our school system,” he continued.