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#### Pass it on

Dear John Doe,

### Superintendent Search

The Board of Trustees provides the vision for the School District and we look to the Superintendent for the ability to implement that vision through his/her leadership. The Board has held seven community town hall meetings, which included two for staff, so we could hear firsthand what qualities we should be seeking in a Superintendent. We also provided an opportunity for input via a survey on our website where we received comments from nearly 500 individuals. What are some of the qualities staff, parents and the community suggest we look for? Here is a range of comments received:

- promote someone from within; find someone from outside of the district;
- someone who values P.E., music, special education, gifted and talented students; find someone who will concentrate on reading, writing and math only;
- someone who is innovative; someone who won't make too many changes;
- an individual who knows how to run a fiscally sound business; someone who is an educator;
- someone who can communicate with staff; someone who can communicate with the community; someone who knows how to work with the Nevada Legislature; someone who is willing to be transparent; someone who can pass a capital bond;
- and many, many more characteristics.

This should make it easy for the Trustees to find just the right individual. It will be someone who is wearing a giant 'S' on their shirt because we are looking for 'Superman' or 'Superwomen'!

#### Next Steps

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With the schedule of town hall meetings completed and the online survey now closed, the Board of Trustees will develop application screening criteria using community input. We will review all applicants and narrow those down to the individuals who best match that criteria. We will then invite those 'short listed' candidates for an interview with the Trustees, and to be introduced to the community. This should take place towards the end of April. There will be several opportunities for staff and the community to meet these prospective superintendents and provide written feedback to help the Board decide on the final two or three applicants. At this point the Trustees will visit the applicant's school district to interview staff, parents and community, to ensure what the applicant has verbally portrayed is accurate in practice.

As we move forward, all meetings will be announced. If you would like to participate, please visit our website ([www.washoe.k12.nv.us](http://www.washoe.k12.nv.us)) to get dates and times as they become available.

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### **Legislative Update and the Budget Crisis**

We are launching a new Legislative Alert e-letter to keep you up to date on the important issues in Carson City and, more importantly, to give you a quick and easy way to let your legislators know your thoughts and opinions. To sign up, visit [www.washoe.k12.nv.us/newsletter](http://www.washoe.k12.nv.us/newsletter) and check 'Legislative Alert'.

Barbara Clark

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