

Press Release – February 2017

CHAMBERS Public Schools Begins Superintendent/Principal Search Process with McPherson & Jacobson, L.L.C.

The Chambers Public Schools Board of Education has selected McPherson & Jacobson, L.L.C., Executive Recruitment and Development to assist them in the important task of selecting superintendent/principal candidates for the board to interview. McPherson & Jacobson (www.macnjake.com) is one of the nation's leading search firms and is based out of Omaha. McPherson & Jacobson has over 100 consultants located in 30+ states and has conducted over 610 searches since it began in 1991.

The Chambers Board of Education has identified the following characteristics as main focal points for the upcoming search:

- A strong leader who earns respect by helping establish and maintain a well-disciplined and structured learning environment
- Able to develop and maintain an efficient budget that meets students' needs while being fiscally responsible to our local patrons
- An involved school and community leader who embraces the opportunities and challenges of living in a rural community
- An effective communicator who is trustworthy, honest, and ethical
- A progressive instructional leader who will continue to enhance 21st Century learning opportunities for our students

The above points are not the only traits the Board is looking for but they will be focused on as we move forward with this important process. Feedback from all patrons is welcomed. Consultants Alan Ehlers and Mike Lucas will be in Chambers on February 20th meeting with several stakeholder groups. A "Community Input Forum" will also be made available that evening for any patron that wishes to attend from 5:00-6:00 PM in the school library.

For those unable to attend the "Community Input Forum," there will be a "Survey Monkey" link accessible on the Chambers Public Schools website from February 21st-28th. It will allow any user to provide their input on the skills and traits the next superintendent needs to possess as well as highlight the positives of the Chambers community and school district.

Questions that will be asked at the "Community Input Forum" and through the Survey Monkey will be:

- 1) Tell us the good things about the community of Chambers
- 2) Tell us the good things about the Chambers School
- 3) What are the skills, characteristics, and traits you're looking for in the next superintendent?
- 4) What are the issues or hot topics the new superintendent should be aware of so they can get off to a great start?

Key dates for the superintendent/principal search include:

- Application Deadline of March 6th with finalists selected on March 20th
- Interviews to be Conducted on March 23rd
- New hire to be made official by March 31st
- New hire to begin work with Chambers Public Schools on/about July 1st

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