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July 19, 2022

Dear FAS Staff and Community,

We would like to provide you with an update on the Fairview Area School (FAS) Superintendent Search process.

The Board has met with Mr. Dave Moore, Search Consultant from MASB, and a tentative time table has been developed for the search process. A work session for the Board has been scheduled for 5:00 p.m. August 8 before the regular Board meeting which will now begin at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend this work session but public participation is limited to public comment at the end of the meeting. A public survey will be made available in mid-August as well as stakeholder input meetings conducted to allow staff, parents, and community members to share their comments and vision for the future. Board members do not attend these meetings but data collected will be shared with the Board in order to develop relevant search criteria for the posting. We will keep you updated as to the dates and times of these meetings.

Work sessions will continue throughout the fall with first-round Superintendent interviews tentatively scheduled for the first week of November. Our goal is to have the new Superintendent in place by January 1, 2023.

The Board is currently searching for a viable candidate to act as Interim Superintendent until a permanent replacement is found. Mr. Shawn Petri will continue as Acting Superintendent until the interim is hired. MASB has provided a list of over 50 potential candidates for the interim position we have many qualified people from which to choose.

Interview teams are continuing to hold interviews for teachers and staff members. We have already hired some new teaching staff and have interviews scheduled with several certified candidates for various positions within the next few weeks.

We invite the entire community, students, and families to our Open House on Monday, August 22. (Time to be determined.) Please take a moment to come in and see our newly refinished gym floor with a custom center mural designed by recent FAS graduate Emma Hoover. Our athletic track has also been completely resurfaced and repainted and our parking lots have been re-sealed and re-stripped to match the new Fairview sidewalks. These projects were made possible by utilizing funds generated by our local voter-approved Sinking Fund millage. Thank you for your continued support.

The first day for students will be a half-day on Wednesday, August 24th. We look forward to starting a brand new year with our amazing students and some new team members to complement our excellent existing staff. We are excited to introduce our new K-12 Music program and are planning to offer many more exciting courses for our students as we continue to add new staff.

We look forward to a successful year ahead and will continue to keep the public updated as we move through this process.

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