## A Proposal for the

## Selection of an Executive Director

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Foxborough Regional Charter School ATTN: Mr. Matthew Yezukevich, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Yezukevich and Members of the Board of Trustees:

This letter is in response to a request regarding the need for our services to assist you in the search for a new Executive Director. We are confident the Board will be quite pleased with the services we can provide. We have been very successful in providing Executive Director search services for Schools that are similar in terms of size, cultural diversity and geographic location.

As I am sure you are aware, the selection of Executive Director will be one of the most important activities your Board will perform. The Board's success in the search process will affect your school education program for years to come. It is extremely important to find the "right fit" for the School.

We are familiar with Massachusetts as we have conducted Superintendent searches for Andover Public Schools, Wareham Public Schools, Longmeadow Public Schools and Cambridge Public Schools, Massachusetts. In the Northeastern region we have conducted successful Superintendent searches for Millcreek Township School District, Woodland Hills School District, Lewisburg Area School District, Wissahickon School District, Millville School District, Benton Area Public School District, Derry Township School District, Spring-Ford Area School District and School District of Cheltenham Township, Pennsylvania; Teaneck Public Schools, Paterson Public Schools, Trenton Public Schools, East Orange School District, Camden City Public Schools, Marlboro Township Public Schools, Montclair Public Schools, Asbury Park Public Schools, Willingboro School District and Pemberton Township School District, New Jersey; Danbury Public Schools, Seymour Public Schools, Waterbury Public Schools, Greenwich Public Schools, Bridgeport Public Schools, Hartford City Public Schools and the Consolidated School District of New Britain, Connecticut; Baltimore County Public Schools, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Baltimore City Public Schools, Howard County Public School System, Wicomico County Public Schools and Prince George's County Schools, Maryland; Greenburgh Central School District, City School District of New Rochelle, Wyandanch Union Free School District, Amityville Union Free School District and Rochester City School District, New York; and Burlington Area School District, Vermont.

Nationally we have conducted searches for Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District, Alaska; Salt Lake City School District, Utah; Madison School District, Alahambra Elementary School District, Balsz School District, Marana Unified School District, Paradise Valley Unified School District, Deer Valley Unified School District, Roosevelt Elementary School District, Gilbert Public Schools, Camelback Desert Sands, Tempe Union High School District and Cartwright Elementary School District, Arizona; Bozeman Public Schools and Missoula County Public Schools, Montana; Culver City Unified School District, Palos Verdes Peninsula USD, Poway USD, San Ysidro School District, Albany USD, Berkeley USD, Pasadena USD and Emery USD, California; Clark County School District, Albuquergue Public Schools, Los Alamos Public Schools and Santa Fe Public Schools, New Mexico; Hawaii School for Deaf and Blind, Hawaii; Edmonds School District, Granite Falls School District, Everett Public Schools, Seattle Public Schools, Lake Washington School District, Snoqualmie Valley School District, Mercer Island School District, Bellevue School District, Kent School District, Federal Way Public Schools and Northshore School District, Washington; North Clackamas School District, Hood River County School District, Lake Oswego School District and Gresham-Barlow School District, Oregon; Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind, Colorado Springs School District 11, Boulder Valley School District, Douglas County School District, Jefferson County School District and Eagle County Schools, Colorado; Lynchburg City Schools, Norfolk Public Schools, Montgomery County Public Schools, Newport News Public Schools, Hampton City Schools, Prince William County Public Schools and Williamsburg-James City Schools, Virginia; Maury County Public Schools, Knox County Schools, Oak Ridge Schools, Sumner County Schools and Memphis City Schools, Tennessee; Jackson Public Schools, Mississippi; North Little Rock School District, Pulaski County Special School District, Rogers Public Schools, Mountain Home Public Schools and Fayetteville Public Schools, Arkansas; Marion County Public Schools, Hillsborough County Public Schools, Lake County Schools, the School District of Palm Beach County, Florida State University Schools, Brevard Public Schools, Broward County Schools and Collier County Public Schools, Florida; Round Rock ISD, Waxahachie ISD, Austin ISD, Plano ISD, Lewisville ISD, Fort Worth ISD, Killeen ISD and Socorro ISD, Texas; Colleton County School District, Beaufort County School District, Jasper County School District and Richland County School District One, South Carolina; Tangipahoa Parish School System, Louisiana; Bexley City Schools, Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District, Shaker Heights City Schools, Public Schools and Lorain City Schools, Ohio; Lakeville Area Public Schools, Minnesota; Omaha Public Schools and Westside Community Schools, Nebraska; Grand Ledge Public Schools, Clintondale Community Schools, Bloomfield Hills Schools, Benton Harbor Area Schools, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Detroit Public Schools Community District, Ecorse Public Schools and Ann Arbor Public Schools, Michigan; Kingman-Norwich USD 331, Geary County Schools USD 475, Shawnee Mission School District, Lawrence Public Schools and Kansas City Kansas Public Schools, Kansas; Columbia Public Schools, Hickman Mills C-1 School District, Joplin Schools and Kansas City Public Schools, Missouri; Bloomington Public Schools District 87, Champaign Unit 4 School District, Proviso Township High Schools District 209, Indian Prairie School District 204, Orland School District 135, Butler School District 53, Rock Island-Milan School District #41, Hazel Crest School District 1521/2, Glenbrook North and Glenbrook South High Schools, Joliet Schools and Township School District 113, Illinois.

We have also assisted the Michigan Department of Education, Alabama Department of Education, Hawaii Department of Education, Colorado Department of Education, West Virginia Department of Education, Ohio Department of Education, Florida Department of Education, Rhode Island Department of Education and Wyoming Department of Education with their State Superintendent searches.

We are a national search firm that is uniquely equipped to assist you in the selection of a Executive Director who meets your particular needs and qualifications. We will not only advertise, but also actively recruit potential candidates that will meet the criteria established by your Board, including women and minorities. Most other search firms do not seek out candidates for a position as we do for our clients. With our extensive regional and national associate base, Ray and Associates, Inc. will be able to recruit quality candidates from around the country, as well as within the state. We have often found excellent in-state candidates who would not otherwise have applied for the position due to a possible conflict of interest with a state or local firm. Our professional, objective procedures allow us to attract, process and screen the most successful candidates for a Executive Director position. You will also find our system is flexible, which allows us to customize the search to meet the desires of the Board.

Our firm has exhibited at the National School Boards Association (NSBA), National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), the

Association of Latino Administrators and Executive Directors (ALAS) and the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE), as well as other professional organizations, for over forty-five (45) years. This year the firm exhibited and presented at numerous state school board associations. Exhibiting and presenting at these state and national organizations allows the firm to meet and recruit outstanding administrators for our clients.

It is our goal to make the selection process professional, efficient and successful to assure your complete satisfaction with our services. It is quite common for a Board to be concerned about the quality of candidates who might be available in today's job market. Outstanding administrators will need to be recruited regardless of the time of year or the position needing to be filled because many of these school leaders already have good jobs. We feel that our firm can be very successful in attracting candidates that will meet or exceed your expectations. With a consulting firm of associates located nationwide, Ray and Associates, Inc. has been able to develop the most comprehensive pool of candidates of any executive search firm in the country. Our reputation for success is built upon providing school districts precisely the type of candidate that satisfies not only the Board but the community and faculty as well.

Ray and Associates, Inc. strives to provide the School with the best match possible based on what we learn in our extensive interaction with the Board and key players in the search. It is our desire to activate our network on your behalf to locate individuals that can effectively assume the top executive post in your School.

We welcome the opportunity to make a presentation of our services at your convenience. If you have any further questions or comments regarding the enclosed information, please do not hesitate to contact our Cedar Rapids office at 319-393-3115.

Sincerely,

Michael Collins President

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **THE SEARCH**

This Proposal is an example of the quality of our work for a state, regional and national search. Our firm is committed to spending the time and energy on the details necessary to perform a proper search. *We actively seek out and screen all candidates who are recruited during the search to identify those who are superior and who meet or exceed the qualifications set by the Board.* 





## **BRIEF OVERVIEW**

This document is designed to demonstrate that we desire to provide you with a complete, detailed package customized to the Foxborough Regional Charter School in a performance contract regarding our professional services for your Executive Director search.

Our Proposal consists of our consultant services, general provisions, confidentiality, satisfaction guarantee and consultant cost.

### PERFORMANCE

We have developed highly effective procedures to assist schools, step by step, in selecting a Executive Director whose qualifications meet its criteria. This Proposal outlines the detailed procedures and steps that make our searches successful. *We have been highly successful in delivering outstanding candidates in all of our searches.* 

MISSION STATEMENT

### Ray and Associates, Inc.

#### Leaders in Executive Searches

We will provide our clients with the highest quality services to assist them in hiring leaders who will meet District specific needs and positively impact the education of all students.

## HISTORY AND OVERVIEW OF THE ORGANIZATION PROFILE OF THE FIRM

Ray and Associates, Inc. is a professional organization that specializes in school executive leadership searches. The firm has been in the school executive search business since 1975 and has established an outstanding reputation. The firm has been recognized by The School Administrator journal as one of the top search firms in the country. Our professional consultants, including women and minorities, are persons with long-term experience in the school executive search field, with extensive backgrounds as school administrators, business executives, school board members, university professors and attorneys. All of the consultants within the firm have years of experience in the school executive search field.

Ray and Associates, Inc. is an independent and objective firm that does not accept placement fees from any candidate. We have designed a highly effective procedure that allows us to impartially assist schools in selecting the best individual for their particular needs.

In addition to our corporate office located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, we have associates located throughout the country. Therefore, distance is not a factor to our firm when meeting with our clients.

The corporate office also maintains a full-time administrative staff to assist in the executive search business.

Our firm has exhibited at the National School Boards Association (NSBA), National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS) and the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE), as well as other professional organizations, for over forty-five (45) years. This year the firm exhibited and presented at numerous state school board associations. Exhibiting and presenting at these state and national organizations allows the firm to meet and recruit outstanding administrators for our clients. We also have associates who are affiliated with the Council of Great City Schools, Urban Superintendents Association of America, the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS), National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE), as well as other professional organizations.

Exhibiting at state and national conventions allows the firm to meet and recruit outstanding administrators for our client Schools. As a result, Ray and Associates has access to the most comprehensive pool of candidates of any executive search firm in the country.

It is only a matter of reality that outstanding administrators already have good jobs and need to be recruited. We are familiar with Massachusetts as we have conducted Superintendent searches for Andover Public Schools, Wareham Public Schools, Longmeadow Public Schools and Cambridge Public Schools, Massachusetts. In the Northeastern region we have conducted successful Superintendent searches for Millcreek Township School District, Woodland Hills School District, Lewisburg Area School District, Wissahickon School District, Millville School District, Benton Area Public School District, Derry Township School District, Spring-Ford Area School District and School District of Cheltenham Township, Pennsylvania; Teaneck Public Schools, Paterson Public Schools, Trenton Public Schools, East Orange School District, Camden City Public Schools, Marlboro Township Public Schools, Montclair Public Schools, Asbury Park Public Schools, Willingboro School District and Pemberton Township School District, New Jersey; Danbury Public Schools, Seymour Public Schools, Waterbury Public Schools, Greenwich Public Schools, Bridgeport Public Schools, Hartford City Public Schools and the Consolidated School District of New Britain, Connecticut; Baltimore County Public Schools, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Baltimore City Public Schools, Howard County Public School System, Wicomico County Public Schools and Prince George's County Schools, Maryland; Greenburgh Central School District, City School District of New Rochelle, Wyandanch Union Free School District, Amityville Union Free School District and Rochester City School District, New York; and Burlington Area School District, Vermont with their educational leadership searches. Our network and recruiting efforts are second to none. We bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to your School focused upon our goal to make the selection process professional, efficient and successful so we can state, without reservation, that you will be quite pleased with our services.



## **THE TEAM**

Ray and Associates, Inc. is a professional organization which specializes in the field of educational leadership searches. We are uniquely equipped to assist you in the selection of a Executive Director who meets the particular needs and qualifications of the Foxborough Regional Charter School. We have:

- 1. Highly trained and experienced staff that includes:
  - Active school administrative leaders
  - A balance of gender and minority representatives
- 2. Expertise and extensive background in:
  - The school superintendency
  - School administration at all levels
  - Private business, higher education and law
- 3. Experienced speakers at state, regional and national conferences.
- 4. Conducted workshops and seminars in school related matters such as:
  - Building the successful Board/Administrator relationship
  - Establishing an evaluation process that yields results
  - Interviewing for a Executive Director position
  - What Boards should consider when selecting a Executive Director
  - School assessment
  - Effective hiring practices
  - Staff and organizational development
  - Recruiting, selecting and retaining excellent teachers
  - Enhancing school climate by shared decision making/dealing with special interest groups
  - Developing the compensation package or contract

## **KEY ASSOCIATES FOR THE PROJECT**

The following principal/project coordinators will be actively involved in working with the school. The associates listed below will be assisting in recruitment, screening and background checks. The firm chooses various associates across the country to be sure that every region will be covered to recruit the best candidates for the Foxborough Regional Charter School. In addition, we have professional contacts throughout Massachusetts, the northeatern region and nationally. The following is only a partial list of associates who will be involved in the recruitment and screening of candidates. The firm will actually involve many more associates for the project.

#### **Mr. Michael Collins, President**

#### President/Columbus, OH

Mike is President of Ray and Associates, Inc. He oversees all searches conducted by the firm and will directly interact with Foxborough Regional Charter School and any committee that may be established on all details of this search. He has a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from Miami University and a Master's degree in Education from Ball State University. Mike has been a business owner for 37 years including a statewide education consulting firm. He is also a former two term city school district Board of Education member and a former two term elected State Board of Education member.

#### Ms. Molly Schwarzhoff, Executive Vice President

#### Executive Vice President/Cedar Rapids, IA

Molly is Executive Vice President of Ray and Associates. She oversees all searches conducted by the firm and will directly interact with Foxborough Regional Charter School and any committee that may be established on all details of this search. She attended Iowa State University and has been with Ray and Associates for 7 years.

#### Mr. J. Efrain Martinez

#### Regional Search Associate/Holyoke, MA

Efrain serves our firm as a Regional Search Associate, team member and background investigator and as such performs the recruiting and screening of candidates. He received his Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from the University of Puerto Rico and received his Master's degree in Linguistics from the University of Massachusetts. His background consists of serving as a Teacher, Director of Magnet Programs, Principal, President and CEO.

#### **Dr. Dale Caldwell**

#### National Search Director/New Brunswick, NJ

Dale serves our firm as a National Search Director. He oversees major searches conducted by the firm and will directly interact with school board members and any committee overseeing the superintendent search. Dale has a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Princeton University, an MBA in Finance from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School and a Doctorate in Education Administration from Seton Hall University. He has over 39 years of experience as public school board member and 23 years of experience as board President. Dale is also certified to be a school Superintendent in New Jersey. The New Jersey School Board Association certified him as a Master Board Member (MBM) and named him the 2009 New Jersey School Board Member of the Year. He has extensive experience leading superintendent searches, addressing board conflict and providing strategic planning services for school boards.

## **SECTION I**

### CONSULTANT SERVICES PROVIDED FOR FOXBOROUGH REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL

### **THE CONSULTANT WILL:**

#### **STAGE 1 - BOARD INPUT AND PREPARATION**

- 1. Provide all services as outlined in Sections I, II, III and IV.
- 2. Customize the search process to meet the needs and expectations of Foxborough Regional Charter School.
- 3. Conduct individual Board member interviews to assess the Board's priorities, goals and objectives to aid in the development of the criteria and qualifications for the Executive Director position.
- 4. Work with the Board to establish a timeline that lists each step in the search process.
- 5. Discuss with the Board the requirements and salary range for the Executive Director position.
- 6. Work with Foxborough Regional Charter School staff and those selected by the Board in the development of an accurate informational flyer and online application form. If desired, our office staff has the experience and capability to create the School's promotional flyer.

#### **STAGE 2 - PROFILE DEVELOPMENT AND PROCESS**

- 7. If desired, provide a proven consensus building mechanism for obtaining input from various constituencies, staff members, other stakeholders and the Board. In addition, our firm has the resources to offer an online survey option in many languages at no additional fee. We will provide a link to the survey to post on the School's website. The consultants will receive and organize all input data and then report the results to the Board.
- 8. Provide the Board with cost saving options to minimize expenses by utilizing Zoom, conference calls or gotomeetings to reduce paper copies, travel expenses and shipping costs.
- 9. Develop all required forms for the application and screening process.

#### **STAGE 3 - RECRUITING AND SCREENING**

- 10. Conduct all aspects of the recruitment process on a statewide, regional and national basis as follows:
  - Notify all associates to actively recruit potential candidates.
  - Contact individuals in our firm's database whose interests match School criteria.
  - Actively recruit applications from qualified individuals.
  - Solicit nominations from knowledgeable people in the profession.
  - Contact other professional consultants in private and public sectors.
  - Discuss with all candidates the School's characteristics and the Board of Trustee's profile and criteria for the new Executive Director position.
  - Advertise nationally in the following as selected by the Board: AASA Website, Education Week Newspaper and Website, Ray and Associates Website, the Massachusetts Administrators and Massachusetts Association of School Boards Publications, The School Administrator Publication, Executives Only Website, the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS), National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) and other publications selected by the Board.

#### **STAGE 3 - RECRUITING AND SCREENING – CONTINUED**

- 11. Develop and manage the candidate screening process. All applicants are screened from the perspective of a viable match with School criteria to determine their capabilities, strengths and weaknesses. The search team thoroughly reviews each file and seeks alignment of qualifications with School expectations. Those who emerge successfully from this screening are deemed viable candidates.
- 12. Check references provided and conduct additional background investigation of top candidates. Our firm interviews each viable candidate that meets Board criteria and verifies their qualifications and experience. Our background research team then conducts extensive investigations on those individuals. The investigations go well beyond listed references and their current position. A complete check of a candidate's work history is also completed utilizing online resources such as Google, Yahoo, Facebook, Twitter and other social media sources as well as checking for blogs.

#### **STAGE 4 - CANDIDATE PRESENTATION**

- 13. Provide the Board with an opportunity to observe each top candidate interviewed with questions specifically designed by Ray and Associates, Inc. through video technology. This will allow Board members to get a better perspective of each candidate in order to determine which candidates to interview. By offering this opportunity, this will save the Board members on expenses and their time.
- 14. Provide an impartial and objective consensus building matrix instrument developed by Ray and Associates to assist the Board in determining the finalists for an interview. We have been extremely effective working with Boards who are divided on issues and candidates.
- 15. Assist the Board in establishing the interview format and in developing interview questions.
- 16. Determine and coordinate constituent and staff involvement in the interview process, if desired by the Board.
- 17. Help arrange the details of interviews for leading candidates.
- 18. Provide the Board with criminal, civil litigation, social security, motor vehicle record checks and verification of educational degrees for the top (2-3) candidates at no additional fee.
- 19. Coordinate with the Foxborough Regional Charter School Business Office the procedure for reimbursement of candidate's expenses.

#### **STAGE 5 - SELECTION OF FINALIST AND FUTURE PLANNING**

- 20. Assist School legal staff in negotiating the contract with the successful candidate at no additional cost to the School.
- 21. After the appointment, dispose of the files and send appropriate communications to the candidates not interviewed by the Board.
- 22. If desired, assist the School in preparing a press release, upon request, announcing the appointment of the new Executive Director.
- 23. Provide the Board with a report of the Board Self-Assessment Survey Results at no additional cost.

The Executive Director search services and process provided above can be adjusted to meet the specific needs of the Foxborough Regional Charter School.

## WORKING WITH BOARD THROUGH EACH STAGE OF SEARCH

**Stage One** is Board Input and Preparation. The firm will meet with each Board member individually to obtain input for the profile development and meet with the entire Board to set the timeline for the search, finalize procedures and services desired by the Board, establish the Board contact person(s), discuss the application process, set the advertising and determine the salary.

**Stage Two** is the Profile Development and Process. Our firm takes the development of the profile very seriously. We will meet with employees and stakeholders as identified by the Board. We also will hold morning and evening open forums to collect input from the community. The purpose of the interviews and meetings are to gather and organize information that will contribute to the development of an accurate profile for the position. The Board will have the opportunity to review our recommendations and make the final decision on the desired profile.

**Stage Three** of the process is Recruiting and Screening. The firm's dialogue with constituents and interviews with individual Board members, coupled with survey results, provide our firm with an accurate profile that is employed in the recruiting and screening of applicants.

**Stage Four** is Candidate Presentation. Ray and Associates will bring before the Board 8-12 top candidates for their consideration. Board members will have the opportunity to not only review the application packet submitted by each top candidate but they will also have the opportunity to observe each top candidate interviewed with questions specifically designed to the search through video technology. This will allow Board members to get a better perspective of each candidate in order to determine which candidates to interview. In addition to the top candidate packets provided to the Board, we will have available to the Board each and every completed file for their perusal if they so choose.

Upon the completion of the review, Board members will be asked to individually complete a matrix which allows them to assess each top candidate against the others. The Ray and Associates representative will then provide the Board with a summary of the individual Board responses. This summary assists the Board members in reaching consensus on which candidates are worthy of an interview. Following these steps ensures that all Board members have an equal opportunity to be involved in the selection process. Ray and Associates will assist the Board in establishing the interview format and in developing interview questions.

**Stage Five** is the Selection of the Finalist and Future Planning. At the conclusion of the last interview, the representative from Ray and Associates will once again be onsite to lead the Board through a similar consensus building activity which has proven to be very successful in assisting Board members to reach a final determination of their finalist(s). It is also requested by some of our client school boards that the top two (sometimes three) finalists are brought back to the School for an open forum with the public. We provide a proven process for this as well that includes a moderator. Questions from the audience are submitted in writing to ensure that the candidates are only asked about legitimate issues related to the position.

We believe strongly that this process allows the final selection of candidates to be in the control of the Board. When Boards are provided with a limited number of candidates from whom to consider, the Board has only limited involvement in the search process. Through the outstanding discussions fostered by the consensus building instrument provided by Ray and Associates, Board members have overwhelmingly been appreciative of their strong involvement.

## **POINTS OF EXPERIENCE IN TIME OF COVID-19**

During this unprecedented time of COVID-19, we, along with other firms, have had to adapt our way of thinking and practices in order to accomplish the task at hand – finding your next Executive Director.

We had searches in various stages when the outbreak of COVID-19 hit forcing school districts to close and states to issue shelter in place orders. Some of the ways we have adapted our search experiences are as follows:

- 1. First meetings with the Board and Board one-on-one interviews can be conducted electronically or by phone.
- 2. In addition to our current electronic 31 qualities survey, and in lieu of in person stakeholder meetings, we have conducted stakeholder meetings via Zoom with groups and members chosen by the Board/School.
- 3. Another option used to gather stakeholder/constituent group input is to place the stakeholder questions into Survey Monkey and providing the School with links for each group which they then distribute to the selected members of each respective group. Upon closure of the survey, we review and compile responses to the stakeholder questions. This information is used internally to assist in finding commons themes, names of suggested candidates and possible interview questions.
- 4. If presenting the candidate packets to the Board in person is not an option, we can conduct a meeting via Zoom or other electronic means where we would provide the Board with links to the candidate packets as well as the one-way candidate Spark Hire videos.
- 5. If needed, candidate interviews can also be conducted electronically. We know this is not ideal, but it can be utilized to keep the process moving.
- 6. We realize an important part of the process is to have stakeholders meet the candidates. If that is not possible due to current conditions, we suggest an electronic forum for each candidate whereby the community can submit questions, a moderator would then compile the questions into a select number (given the time allotment) of various topics, and then ask those questions to the candidates (i.e. 30 minute time limit, 2 minutes per question, going alphabetically by candidate with one candidate completing their 30 minutes followed by the next candidate). If School technology allows, these forums would then be shown on the School meeting site or YouTube site.
- 7. This is YOUR search. We will work with you to devise a plan that works for you!

## INCLUSION, EQUITY AND ELIMINATION OF INSTITUTIONAL RACISM

During these challenging times we articulate our organizational commitment to identifying and acting upon the changes that are needed to bring about inclusion, recognize the need for equity, and eliminate institutional racism.

We recognize social injustice, systemic racism, socio-economic limitations and the disparities associated with the identification and placement of school leadership personnel. Furthermore, this recognition has not only guided our recruitment and placement of school district leaders, it directly impacts our recruitment and selection of our search Associates and national office personnel.

Therefore, we will:

- Declare inclusion as an organizational core value;
- Engage in intentional conversation and behavior around diversity and equity;
- Identify social justice as a behavior model impacting our school search practices;
- Recognize systemic racism as an equity problem for children's access to a fair, thorough and effective public education;
- Place equity, inclusion and diversity as major tenant of practice; and
- Use our voices and practices as instruments for change.

As a broad-based representative, nationwide organization that focuses on the delivery of leadership search and selection services to school, we commit ourselves to the statements above.

Additionally, we will continue to ask ourselves the appropriate questions that help us focus on the delivery of our respective services through the lenses of integrity, equity, social justice and inclusion.

Finally, we will continue to bring forward the organization's forces of institutional leadership, advocacy, scope of representation, levels of expertise and spheres of influence in these areas from this day forward.

#### Join us as we: WORK together, ASK questions, LISTEN fully, and ACT meaningfully!

### **FOXBOROUGH REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL**

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH SUGGESTED PROCESS AND TIMELINE**

Items highlighted in yellow indicate an in-person meeting with the consultant(s)

	DATE	
Stage 1 Board Input & Preparation		Consultant planning meeting with the Board and individual Board member interviews. (Time: <u>TBD</u> ) (option to conduct via Zoom, conference call or gotomeetings.com)
		Begin preparing information for the School promotional flyer and online application form with the School liaison representative(s).
		Notify all associates and other professional contacts of vacancy.
_		Contact constituents and stakeholders for input meetings on
ent		Online survey link, for input on developing the profile, available on School website from to
2 opm sss		Meetings with constituent and stakeholder group representatives.
Stage 2 Profile Development & Process		8 a.m. deadline for survey/input from constituents, stakeholders and Board members, including online survey.
ofile		Promotional flyer draft due.
-		Board to finalize Executive Director profile for the promotional flyer and online application form. ( <i>Time: <u>TBD</u></i> ) (option to conduct via Zoom, conference call or gotomeetings.com)
Stage 3 (ecruiting Screening		Print promotional flyer. Forward to consultant.
Stage 3 Recruiting Screening		E-mail promotional flyer and online application instructions to interested candidates.
–   & Rec		Deadline for all application materials. (*See note below.)
Stage 4 Candidate Presentation		Consultant develops and finalizes interview questions and procedures with the Board. Top candidates are presented to the Board and consultant assists the Board in selecting finalists for the interviews. If desired by the Board, consultant will meet with constituents and staff interview group(s) to discuss their roles. <i>(Time: <u>TBD</u>)</i>
Cal Pres		Interview candidates (1 <sup>st</sup> round).
		Meeting with consultant following the last interview. (Time: <u>TBD</u> )
[-		Interview finalist candidates (2 <sup>nd</sup> round). <i>(Optional)</i>
Stage 5 Selection of Finalist & Future Planning		Final meeting with consultant following the last interview. <i>(Time: <u>TBD</u>)</i> (option to conduct via Zoom, conference call or gotomeetings.com)
of Fi Plar		Consultant will discuss contract terms with the finalist.
Stage 5 ection of F Future Plai		Offer the contract.
- Fut		Press release of new Executive Director.
& Se		Board Self-Assessment Survey Results presented to the Board.

\*All applications will be reviewed. Materials received after the closing date may be given full consideration depending upon the number of applications received and other factors.

(Actual dates to be determined in the first meeting with the Board.)

## **BUILDING THE PROFILE**

Ray and Associates, Inc. firmly believes in parent, staff and community participation, especially in the development of an accurate profile for the position. Our firm takes developing the profile very seriously as the profile is the focal point of our recruitment efforts. We are eager to interview each Board member individually and visit with stakeholder groups who attend scheduled meetings. We will meet with any employees and other stakeholders as identified by the Board. Our firm also offers the opportunity for the community, staff and parents to participate in morning and evening forums that are organized to solicit input via the survey process and create dialogue by asking a series of questions related to the desired characteristics of the new Executive Director. The purpose of these meetings will be to educate them about the process as well as to gather and organize information that will contribute to the development of an accurate profile for the position.

In addition, for those stakeholders unable to attend scheduled meetings, our firm offers an online profile survey option with space for written comments/recommendations which is available in various languages at no additional fee. We will provide you with a link to place on the School website. Our office will maintain, collect and analyze all information received and include this in the report to the Board.

Our process consists of Q and A sessions and the administration of our own 31 Desirable Characteristics Survey. This is culminated in an open meeting report to the Board of our findings and recommendations. We will present a tabulated and analyzed graphic report in which Board members' and stakeholders' survey responses are reviewed looking for those characteristics chosen most in common by the various groups and indicate those recommended or those thought to be worthy of consideration. On some occasions, two of the items may be combined when they are closely related in context. Those items that seem to be important to some groups but not to others may be used in the recruitment of candidates and as questions during the interview process by the Board. At the encouragement of the consultants, many survey respondents will provide additional comments to the Board which are presented as a part of this report. Our dialogue with constituents and interviews with individual Board members, coupled with survey results, provide our firm with an accurate profile that is employed in the recruiting and careful screening of applicants. The characteristics most commonly selected will be used later in promotional materials.

### **INTERVIEW PROCESS – COMMUNITY INPUT**

Boards that have chosen the option to involve the public and employees during the interview phase of the search have found that we have been very effective in organizing this part of the process. Serious candidates who submit to being interviewed by personnel other than the Board itself are prepared for this by our consultants. Participants in these groups are requested to complete a "Candidate Impressions" form that is duplicated for each Board member's review and are requested not to rank the candidates.

It is also requested by some of our client school Boards that the top two (sometimes three) finalists are brought back to the School for an open forum with the public. We provide a proven process for this as well that includes a moderator. Questions from the audience are submitted in writing to ensure that the candidates are only asked about legitimate issues related to the position.

## RECRUITMENT

Ray and Associates, Inc. maintains a working relationship with key individuals at the college and university level along with other national public and private organizations for the purpose of recruiting outstanding candidates. However, we are not directly connected with any college, university or any other organization. This allows our firm to be extremely objective in the search process. We stay abreast of the performance of outstanding school administrators throughout the country, which has contributed to our high success rate.

Our firm maintains a very large pre-screened database of top candidates who are interested in new and challenging positions. The strengths and administrative skills of these potential candidates have been analyzed by the firm. However, it is important for our clients to know we are not a placement service that owes any favors to prospective candidates. Our professional objective is to aggressively recruit and advertise for the best candidate who meets the qualifications and characteristics of a Executive Director as set forth by the Board. Our recruitment process is very comprehensive, highlighted by the following steps:

- Largest recruiting network in the country
- Inform the firm's associates of the position and seek recommendations
- Advertise in local, regional and national venues known for high readership by school leaders
- Consult our extensive database for precise matches between School and candidate profiles
- Aggressively recruit successful school leaders who are not currently seeking a new position to invite them to consider the Foxborough Regional Charter School position
- Contact other organizations at state, regional and national levels regarding the position
- Proactively seek out potential candidates at state and national conventions



## SCREENING, REFERENCE CHECKS, INTERVIEWS AND FINAL SELECTION

Once recruited, all applicants are screened from the perspective of a viable match with Board criteria to determine their capabilities, strengths and weaknesses. The search team thoroughly reviews each file and seeks alignment of qualifications with Board expectations. Those who emerge successfully from this screening are termed viable candidates, and our background research team then conducts extensive background investigations and internet checks on those individuals. The investigations go well beyond listed references and their current position to include contacts with state associations and national leadership organizations such as American Association of School Administrators (AASA), Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS) and National Association of Black School Educators (NABSE). Our firm also checks current and past relationships with administrators and verifies candidate's education and work history utilizing multiple internet sites and social media feeds. We not only vet candidates extensively in their professional career, but it is also important for us to be familiar with their personal life as that can have an impact in their profession. The candidates who meet the qualifications selected by the Board become top candidates.

As part of the candidate presentation to the Board, Ray and Associates will bring before the Board 8-12 top candidates for the Board's consideration. Board members will have the opportunity to observe each top candidate interviewed with questions specifically designed to the Executive Director search through video technology. The Board will also have a chance to review the application packet submitted by each top candidate.

Upon the completion of the review, Board members will be asked to individually complete a matrix which allows them to assess each top candidate against the others. The Ray and Associates representative will then provide the Board with a summary of the individual Board responses. This summary assists the Board members in reaching consensus on which candidates are worthy of an interview. Following these steps ensures that all Board members have an equal opportunity to be involved in the selection process.

Ray and Associates will conduct criminal, civil litigation, social security, motor vehicle record checks and verification of educational degrees on the top 2-3 candidate(s) through an outside service at no additional cost.



## **SECTION II**

## **MONITORING THE SEARCH PROCESS - CLIENT CHECKPOINTS**

The Board's role is the most important one in the search process. Although we assist you in the process by actively recruiting, identifying and recommending qualified candidates, you alone will determine which candidate you will hire.

Our search process is set up in a manner that provides the Board with a continuous monitoring capability which features clearly defined checkpoints:

Timeline	•Establish a timeline for the process		
Input	•Determine the input process		
Qualifications	•Set the Executive Director qualifications		
Flyers	•Review and approve informational flyers and application forms		
Progress Reports	•Receive regular progress reports from the consultant		
Interview Process	<ul> <li>Approve format and questions for the interview process</li> </ul>		
Candidates	•Select candidates for final interview		
Hiring	•Hire the candidate		
Contract	•Determine and approve the contract		
Press Release	•Approve the press release		

These check points assure that you know the progress of the search and have the information to be fully informed and in control of the search.

### **SECTION III**

### **SEARCH COST – THE COMPLETE PROCESS**

The cost of our Proposal is for a complete search. The Board will be guided and assisted by Ray and Associates, Inc. at every step in the search process from the initial phase of determining the desired qualities for the position through the actual hiring of the new Executive Director. Our process is flexible. If the Board desires a different approach or would prefer certain options other than those provided in our Proposal, we can adjust our process to meet your specific requirements.

### **COST BREAKDOWN**

**The Consultant Fee.** The base fee for the performance *of both the Interim and final selected Executive Director* search by the consultant as provided in this Proposal will be eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00). If the Board selects only certain elements offered in this package, or requests services not included in this package, our fees and reimbursed expenses will be adjusted accordingly. The firm will discuss any modifications relating to the search fee regarding our services at the formal presentation. The Executive Director search fee shall be paid in three (3) installments; 1/2 of total fee is due upon signing of the contract; 1/4 of fee is due at the time of the stakeholder meetings; and the final 1/4 of fee is due when the Executive Director is officially hired by the School.

We will provide the Board with criminal, civil litigation, social security, motor vehicle record checks and verification of educational degrees for the top (2-3) candidates at no additional fee.

There is no charge by Ray and Associates for the services to assist the Board in negotiating a contract with the new Executive Director and the development of the contract terms.

**Consultant Reimbursed Expense.** Certain expenses, including travel, lodging, meals, shipping, and other search related expenses will be kept to a minimum and are to be reimbursed by the School. Said expenses will be invoiced as they occur and will include a detailed account listing of such expenses.

**Candidate Expenses.** If the School determines to reimburse candidates for interview expenses, expenses may include travel, lodging and meals for the candidate and spouse. Candidates are to submit all receipts and expense documentation to a designated individual at the School and said expenses will be paid by the School as they occur.

**Cost Saving Expense Options.** Ray and Associates, Inc. is aware of budget concerns and therefore offers several cost saving options: 1) Conduct 3 meetings with our consultants via Zoom, conference call or gotomeetings, which could potentially save thousands of dollars in travel expenses; 2) Utilize our materials electronically (either via e-mail or a flash drive); and 3) Boards may conduct 1<sup>st</sup> round candidate interviews via Zoom to reduce candidate travel expenses. Once the Board narrows the candidates down to two or three finalists, the finalists will interview in-person with the Board.

### **PERFORMANCE CONTRACT**

Ray and Associates, Inc. will provide a written agreement between the Board and the consulting firm which will contain the provisions of this Proposal and any modifications or changes mutually agreed by the parties.

## **ESTIMATED** COST SHEET – PREPARED FOR: FOXBOROUGH REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL

Ray and Associates, Inc. will spend as much time as needed to conduct a successful search for the Foxborough Regional Charter School. Please Note: Our flat fee is inclusive of all services. The only hourly rates that would apply would be for requests above and beyond this Proposal and would be at the following rates:

#### Consultant \$100.00/hr Administrative Asst. \$25.00/hr

#### Travel

Flight	1,000.00
Ground transportation (billed at \$0.575 per mile)	1,100.00
Hotel (if needed for stakeholder meetings)	
Meals	
** Travel Subtotal	
**Expenses may be less if School utilizes local consultant or cost saving meetings.	,

<b>Shipping:</b> (Federal Express to the School, materials to search coordinator, candidate information after candidates have been selected from the screening process)	
Ray and Associates, Inc. Estimated Expense Total: Ray and Associates, Inc. Base Fee	
*ESTIMATED SEARCH COST *Does not include estimated advertising or candidate expenses for interviews.	\$21,200.00

\*\*The actual number of candidates interviewed is the Board's decision. The estimate per candidate for interview expenses is \$2,000; however, it is dependent on the candidate's geographic location. Candidate travel expense reimbursement is the responsibility of the School.

All expenses are estimates, based on past experiences. The Foxborough Regional Charter School will be billed for only the actual expenses incurred.

#### **Board Approved Advertising**

We exhibit advertising as a separate entity because the cost is based on the Foxborough Regional Charter School decisions on how extensive the need. Our associates make recommendations and the Board has the final authority on frequency and dollars spent. (Schools typically spend an average of up to \$1,500 on advertising costs.)

Ray and Associates, Inc. does not collect a commission for placing the ads.

## **SECTION IV**

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

The nature of our work and our ability to carry out our responsibility to you is directly related and dependent upon our present and past experience in providing similar services to others. *The firm will preserve the confidential nature of any information which becomes available to the firm resulting from the services rendered to the Board.* 

As our client, you also need to maintain the confidentiality of information provided by Ray and Associates, Inc.

### FOLLOW-UP AFTER THE SEARCH: BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT SURVEY FOCUS ON FUTURE PLANNING

Included in the base fee, the consultants from Ray and Associates, Inc. will spend time with the Board reflecting upon current Board governance procedures. In respect to governance and School initiatives, we have found that there is really no better time than very early in the tenure of a new Executive Director to assess issues and expectations.

ROUND 1: At the conclusion of the search, we will provide the Board with a link to an online survey concerning current School governance practices as well as key School challenges and opportunities for improvement. Assessment results are then analyzed and shared with the Board and the new Executive Director. The results can be emailed, presented in-person or via Zoom.

ROUND 2: About six months after the new Executive Director begins, we will provide the survey again to be completed by the current Board and the Executive Director. As in round one, at no cost to the School, the results will be analyzed and shared with the Board and Executive Director to assist with teambuilding every year thereafter as long as that Executive Director is in tenure.

Through the aforementioned process, we are afforded an in-depth view of your school School. As part of our presentation, we will also provide insight and suggestions for organizational improvements. Ray and Associates has developed several training/workshops targeted at increasing organizational performance and efficiency which may be of interest to your School at this time of significant leadership transition. Our firm belief is the workshops/training can increase the effectiveness of both the Board and Executive Director, enhance their relationship, and provide for an optimum learning environment to improve student achievement.

### **SATISFACTION GUARANTEED**

We provide a termination provision in our contractual agreement with the Foxborough Regional Charter School. If the Foxborough Regional Charter School or Ray and Associates, Inc. terminate this agreement, the Foxborough Regional Charter School will be charged only for the work performed and expenses incurred up to the date of termination.

If the Board is dissatisfied with the new Executive Director within two years from the date of employment of the Executive Director and if either party dissolves that relationship by resignation or termination within a two-year period of the initial employment, with the exception of: acts of God, health issues, or the awarding of severance payment to the departing Executive Director, the firm of Ray and Associates, Inc. will conduct a new Executive Director search at no cost to the School, except for expenses.

Furthermore, we do not recruit candidates we have placed for a minimum of 5 years.

## **REFERENCES**

We have chosen several clients from our past and recent search list to demonstrate that we have been successful in various geographic locations.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT	LOCATION	CONTACT PERSON	TITLE OF CONTACT	PHONE NUMBERS/ E-MAIL
Evansville Community School District	Evansville, WI	Kathi Swanson	Board President	Cell: 608-728-1045 swansonk@evansville.k12.wi.us
Round Rock ISD	Round Rock, TX	Amy Weir	Board President	Cell: 512-295-5016 amy weir@roundrockisd.org
Alhambra Elementary School District	Phoenix, AZ	Cathleen O'Neil Frantz	Board President	Cell: 602-579-0368 cathleenoneilfrantz@alhambraesd. org
Salt Lake City School District	Salt Lake City, UT	Nate Salazar	Board Member	Cell: 801-367-6392 nate.salazar@slcschools.org
Bexley City Schools	Bexley, OH	Victoria Powers	Board Vice President	Cell: 614-214-2485 vepowers@icloud.com
Clintondale Community Schools	Clintondale, MI	Beverly Lewis-Moss	Board President	Cell: 586-808-1970 mossb@clintondaleschools.net
Everett Public Schools	Everett, WA	Caroline Mason	Board President	Cell: 425-238-7308 caroline.mason@everettsd.org
Westside Community Schools	Omaha, NE	Adam Yale	Board Member	Cell: 402-672-2294 yale.adam@westside66.net
Waxahachie Independent School District	Waxahachie, TX	Dusty Autrey	Board President	Cell: 972-670-7121 dautrey@wisd.org
Berlin Area School District	Berlin, WI	Catherine Kujawa	Board President	Cell: 920-279-4657 ckujawa@berlin.k12.wi.us
Woodland Hills School District	North Braddock, PA	Jamie Glasser	Board President	Cell: 412-874-0161 glasja@whsd.net
Tangipahoa Parish School System	Amite, LA	Therese Domiano	Former Board President	Cell: 985-974-2955
Lawrence Public Schools	Lawrence, KS	Shannon Kimball	Former Board President	Cell: 785-840-7722 skimball@usd497.org
Pittsburg Community Schools USD 250	Pittsburg, KS	Marlene Willis	Former Board President	Cell: 602-404-8835 mwillis@usd250.org
Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools	Savannah, GA	Mary Davis- Brown	Board Secretary	Work: 912-395-1014 Mary.Davis-Brown@sccpss.com

Gresham Barlow School District	Gresham, OR	John Hartsock	Former Board Member	Cell: 503-780-4806
Mercer Island School District	Mercer Island, WA	David D'Souza	Former Board Chair	Cell: 206-202-0894 david.dsouza@mercerislandschools .org
Durham Public Schools	Durham, NC	Minnie Forte- Brown	Board Member	Cell: 919-452-2177 fortebrown.minnie@gmail.com
Council Bluffs Community School District	Council Bluffs, IA	Troy Arthur	Former Board President	Cell: 402-651-0956 Troyarthur4cb@gmail.com
Flagstaff Academy	Longmont, CO	Wayne Granger	Executive Director	Cell: 720-864-9094 wgranger@flagstaffacademy.org
Poway Unified School District	San Diego, CA	Michelle O'Connor- Ratcliff	Former Board President	District: 858-521-2704 moconnorratcliff@powayusd.com
Howard-Winneshiek Community School District	Cresco, IA	Clint Farlinger	Business Manager/Board Secretary	Wk: 563-547-2762 <u>cfarlinger@howard-winn.k12.ia.us</u>
Olathe Public Schools	Olathe, KS	Rick Schier	Former Board President	Home: 913-530-3644 rickschierboe@gmail.com
Joplin Schools	Joplin, MO	Jeff Koch	Former Board President	Work: 417-529-1236 jeffrykoch@hotmail.com
Austin Independent School District	Austin, TX	Vince Torres	Former Board President	Cell: 512-784-0620
Northshore School District	Bothell, WA	Amy Cast	Former Board President	Cell: 206-601-7909 Sbdistrict5@nsd.org
Des Moines Public Schools	Des Moines, IA	Dick Murphy	Former Board President	Cell: 515-250-5567 Hm: 515-278-6048 <u>rmurphyia@earthlink.net</u>
Maury County Public Schools	Columbia, TN	Jim Morrison	Former Board President	Wk: 615-350-7637 Cell: 931-446-2438 j <u>cment@cpws.net</u>
Brevard Public Schools	Viera, FL	Robert Jordan	Former Board Chairman	Cell: 321-698-7110 Work: 321-383-4813 Robert.Jordan@genesisvii.com
Collier County Public Schools	Naples, FL	Allun Hamblett	Former Deputy Chief Administrative Officer	Cell: 239-398-0761 <u>ARHAssociates@comcast.net</u>
Howard County Public School System	Ellicott City, MD	Brian Meshkin	Former Board Member	Cell: 949-812-0081 brian@brianmeshkin.com
Fargo Public Schools	Fargo, ND	Jim Johnson	Former Board President	Cell: 701-200-4794 Work: 701-232-7481 johnsji@fargo.k12.nd.us
Glen Ellyn School District 41	Glen Ellyn, IL	Erica Nelson	Former Board President	Work: 630-452-4349 npdnelson1@gmail.com
Paradise Valley Unified School District	Phoenix, AZ	Anne Greenberg	Board Member	Cell: 602-751-6642 Hm: 602-493-6642 asgpvusdBoard@cox.net

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list, and more references can request.

#### Leaders in Executive Searches

Ray and Associates, Inc.

### "What school boards say about Ray and Associates"

"In a somewhat constricted timetable, they lead a process to gather information from all stakeholder groups on the characteristics that should be prioritized in the search, managed the application and interview process, and organized a busy day of in-person forums and zoom meetings for stakeholder groups. The entire team at Ray and Associates lead and supported every aspect of our search process."

July 7, 2021 Ms. Victoria Powers, Board Vice President Bexley City Schools, OH Enrollment: 2,400

"In late March 2021 we asked the team to assist us with an accelerated timeline to expedite their traditional search schedule. Within 8 weeks we interviewed multiple highly-qualified finalists and identified our next Superintendent. This unprecedented search could not have been possible without Ray and Associates' willingness to modify their approach, their willingness to collaborate, the assistance of the Ray and Associates team, and the amazing administrative team at your corporate office."

> June 24, 2021 Ms. Cathleen O'Neil Frantz, Board President Alhambra Elementary School District, AZ Enrollment: 12,000

"From the very beginning, they delivered professional, comprehensive services. The firm developed a rigorous timeline and met all its commitments. Ray and Associates, Inc. provided professional services in a consumer-friendly manner that allowed us to select a superintendent that will serve our community well."

May 20, 2020 Mr. Michael Raczak, Board President Indian Prairie School District 204, IL Enrollment: 27,400

"The quality of services provided by Ray and Associates cannot be understated and their ability to bring consensus among board members was phenomenal. While they provided support, they also respected our role as a board taking the lead in many aspects of the process. They were professional and knowledgeable throughout the entire process. I would highly recommend Ray and Associates to any School Board who wants to conduct a national search."

> Search completed January 2020 Mr. Steve Cona III, Board Vice Chairman Hillsborough County Public Schools, FL Enrollment: 220,000

"We chose Ray and Associates for our search based on their long successful track record and the individuals with whom we worked closely. Their in-depth knowledge of conducting a national search, large number of consultants through out the country, and strong recommendations from other boards put them at the top of the list after our search firm interviews. I am confident Ray and Associates and their team of consultants would do the same outstanding job for other school boards needing consultation in the hiring of a new superintendent."

> August 7, 2019 Ms. Caroline Mason, Board Vice President Everett Public Schools, WA Enrollment: 21,000

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# Ray and Associates, Inc.

## THE CLEAR DIFFERENCE...

- ✓ We customize every search to meet the specific needs of our clients.
- ✓ We have the largest professional recruiting network in the country.
- ✓ We have a highly qualified, full-time staff that is readily accessible to respond to both clients and candidates.
- ✓ We maintain a large, prescreened database of traditional and non-traditional candidates from across the country.
- ✓ We aggressively recruit candidates who closely match the School profile.
- We provide an attractive, user-friendly and informative website that allows candidates to access application materials on-line.
- We receive more applications than any search firm in the nation.
- ✓ We interview each individual Board member in order for them to provide information and insight into the development of the profile characteristics for the position.
- ✓ We collect and organize community and staff input when desired by the Board and provide a report that is highly useful in establishing the position criteria. In addition, our firm offers an online survey in various languages and will provide a link to the survey to post on the School's website.
- ✓ We offer the option to have our office design and develop the promotional application and flyer for the position.
- We have the most complete and comprehensive investigative system to assure our clients of candidate quality.
- We have a unique and successful consensus building process for Boards who may be split on candidates or other issues.
- ✓ We have been highly successful in providing a large diverse pool of candidates in all of our searches.
- ✓ We provide an in-depth candidate video interview to the Board.
- ✓ We provide criminal, civil litigation, social security, motor vehicle record checks and verification of educational degrees for the top (2-3) candidates at no additional fee.
- ✓ We provide a two-year guarantee clause in our contract with our clients.
- ✓ We do not recruit candidates we have placed for a minimum of 5 years.
- We provide a service to our clients after the Executive Director is hired to ensure a smooth transition and to establish realistic expectations at the outset.

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