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Davis Joint Unified School District Superintendent Search Update
Board of Trustees completes candidate interviews

Davis, CA – After an extensive search that brought forward 19 strong and diverse candidates, including 7 current superintendents, 9 assistant or associate superintendents and 3 education-related private sector candidates, the Board of Trustees conducted interviews of 6 of those candidates this past Tuesday and Wednesday. Following the initial interviews, the Board narrowed the search to 3 finalists and conducted follow-up interviews with those candidates. All of the candidates were of high quality and those who reached final consideration brought tremendous skills and resources to the interviews.

The Board expressed its appreciation to the students, parents, staff, and community members who provided valuable feedback to Leadership Associates (the superintendent search firm) and to the Board. The position description, which was developed on the basis of that input, was used to guide reference checking and the identification of interview questions.

The Board has now narrowed the search to a finalist and will conduct further inquiries as needed. The Board’s goal is to make a formal announcement of its decision and approve a contract at its regular meeting on June 2.

“We’re very excited to have received so many highly respected candidates with such strong skill sets. Davis is a special place with a strong and educated group of parents and a national reputation. We are seeking a highly knowledgeable, experienced, collaborative, and visible leader with an excellent track record in his or her former district and who is well liked by all colleagues. We want someone who is passionate about the potential of all students and works tirelessly toward raising expectations toward accelerating achievement for each and every student in the District,” said Board President Madhavi Sunder. Board Vice President Barbara Archer added, “We are looking for a systems thinker who will lead us through our Local Control Funding Formula (LCAP) here in the District with a focus on local control and equity for all students in the District. And we are looking for a strong instructional leader who combines vision with action, and has the keen ability to bring teams together around a vision for students.”
The Board will finalize contract discussions and conduct a site visit in the finalist's home district before an appointment is made. “We are confident in the skills, talents and experience of our finalist and look forward to concluding this process and making a formal appointment.” Sunder said today.

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The Davis Joint Unified School District provides innovative educational programs to approximately 8,500 students more than 16 school sites. In partnership with parents, DJUSD helps each student develop the abilities and values needed to reach their full potential. Each year, an average of 730 students graduate from district high schools. With approximately 1,100 employees, including 440 teachers, DJUSD has an average annual payroll (including salaries and benefits) of $66 million a year, contributing significant economic value to the community. For more information go to www.djusd.net or facebook.com/DavisJointUnifiedSchoolDistrict.