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8 Candidates to Interview
for Center Line Public Schools Superintendent

Center Line, MI – The Center Line Public Schools Board of Education has identified eight candidates to interview for Superintendent of Schools after reviewing applications from thirty-nine contenders.

The Center Line Public Schools Superintendent Search posting closed on June 24, 2020, with considerable interest and 39 applicants. By our evaluation, via an extensive paper screening, the applicant pool is very strong relative to other searches as it includes a higher proportion of applicants with prior superintendent experience and numerous applicants with considerable district-wide administrative experience. Many of the applicants in this pool met the criteria established by the Board.

Applicant pool data for the Center Line Public Schools superintendent vacancy is as follows:

- **Highest Degree Received:** 42% earned an Ed.D. or Ph.D., 26% earned an Ed.S. or 6-year equivalent, 32% earned a MA/MS

- **Highest Position Experience:** 37% former/current superintendent, 39% assistant superintendent/central office, and 24% building administrators

- **Breadth of search:** 30% of candidates were from outside of Michigan

These interviews mark the beginning of a rigorous vetting process that will include two rounds of public interviews as well as thorough background and reference checks.

Candidates being interviewed are as follows:

- Angel Abdulahad, Ed.S, Superintendent, Madison District Public Schools
- Dorothy Blackwell, Ed.S, Superintendent, Vassar Public Schools
- Mary Ann Cyr, Ed.D, Assistant Superintendent, Taylor School District
- Joseph Haynes, Ed.S, Assistant Superintendent, Yale Public Schools
Richard Klee, Ph.D, Former Director of Curriculum, Instruction, State and Federal Programs, Crestwood School District

Lisa Oleski, Ed.S., Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, Center Line Public Schools

David Rabbideau, Ph.D, Former Assistant Superintendent, Harper Woods Public Schools

Melody Strang, Ed.S, Superintendent, Genesee School District

Video interviews will be held at virtual public meetings on July 15 and 16, 2020, starting at 6 p.m. The Board of Education invites parents, family members, community members and district staff members to attend the interviews and offer feedback. Meeting links will be posted on the district webpage.

Superintendent search services are being provided by the Michigan Association of School Boards. Inquiries about the superintendent search should be directed to Greg Sieszputowski, Director of Leadership Development and Executive Search Services, 517.327.9224 or gregs@masb.org.

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