Bedford Public Schools Superintendent Search Committee

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Dear Bedford Public Schools and Bedford Community,

At the meeting of the Bedford School Committee on December 6, 2022, the Committee authorized appointing a Screening Committee as part of the search for a new Superintendent of Schools for the Bedford Public Schools. The role of the Screening Committee will be to act in an advisory capacity to the Bedford School Committee. The Screening Committee will work under the guidance of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) search consultant and will be asked to review application materials and assist with the interviewing of candidates.

As you might expect from the community of Bedford, we received a large number of applications from teachers, parents and other community members. We have selected a group for the committee comprising people with a variety of perspectives and backgrounds, and we believe the group together has the proper composition to seek and find the best candidate for Bedford.

The members are listed below, along with just a little bit of selected information about who they are. They are all so much more than the few words after their names; I listed just a few "hats" they each wear.

Jill Butler, Bedford High School teacher, School Council, EIC Committee Erica Colbath, Parent, Chair of Special Education Parents Advisory Council (SEPAC) Michelle Della Valle, BPS Special Educator and Administrator, BHS DEI Committee Pat Flaherty-Dawson, Davis School teacher Heather Galante, Parent, Bedford High School principal C. Allison John, Parent of BPS alumni, Parents Diversity Council Dawn Kociubes, Parent, President Bedford Rotary Club, BHS Parents Association Akil Mondesir, Parent, METCO Director, Bedford DEI Coordinator Brad Morrison, Parent, Chair Bedford School Committee Angel Petitt, Parent, Bedford Cultural Council Sarita Pillai, Parent, the Bedford Citizen Advisory Board Sarah Scoville, Parent, Bedford School Committee member Shreves Shivappa, Bedford High School student Jim Sunderland, Bedford High School teacher, BHS School Council Marianne Vines, BPS Director of Special Education Chris Wendell, Parent, local clergy

I have personally spoken with each one of the people we have invited to join the committee. I am pleased to report that all of them have agreed to serve. I have also personally communicated with all of the many people who applied and were not selected. I am grateful to all of them for their willingness to serve.

The Screening Committee will begin its work early in the New Year. In the meantime, to all of us in this wonderful community ...

Happy Holidays!

Warm regards, Brad Morrison, Chair For the Bedford School Committee