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Saint Paul, Minn - The Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) Board of Education has finalized its schedule for the superintendent candidate interviewing process, including a three-day schedule for interviewing and introducing each finalist to the SPPS staff and community Nov. 16, 18 and 19. The Board of Education plans to name up to three finalists on Saturday, Nov. 14, after completing its semi-finalist interviews. The semi-finalist candidates are expected to be announced the evening of Nov. 11.

Each finalist's schedule will include one full day of visits to SPPS schools and programs, meetings with staff and stakeholders, and a public reception for each finalist prior to an interview with the Board of Education at the end of the day.

Staff, families and community members are invited to meet one finalist at a public reception from 5 to 6:15 p.m. each of the three days, Nov. 16, 18 and 19, at the District Administration Building, 360 Colborne St. The reception will begin with an opportunity for individuals to meet the finalist, then will move into a brief presentation by the finalist, followed by a question and answer period. Hmong, Spanish, Somali and American Sign Language interpreters will be available for the reception and interviews.

Childcare also will be available for each evening's events. Attendees are asked to reserve childcare in advance by calling:

English: Aquanetta Anderson, 651-767-8105

Hmong: Bee Lee, 651-767-8122

Spanish: Pierre Cejudo, 651-767-8194

Somali: Abdisalam Adam, 651-767-8388

Each finalist will end his or her day with an interview conducted solely by Board of Education members. Those interviews are scheduled to take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 360 Colborne St. and will be open for observation by the public. They also will be televised live on Saint Paul Cable Channel 16, streamed on the SPPS Web site at www.spps.org and rebroadcast on Nov. 20 at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saint Paul Cable Channel 16.

Staff and other stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide feedback about each finalist using a feedback form that will be available at each reception and also on the Superintendent Search Web site at www.spps.org. The feedback will be provided to the Board of Education prior to a vote on the sole candidate for superintendent the week of Nov. 23.

Leading up to the finalist interviews, the Board of Education will interview semi-finalists candidates at 360 Colborne St. on Friday, Nov. 13, from 6 to 9:45 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. While the interviews will be open to observers, they will not include interaction with the candidates other than the Board's own interview process with the sole purpose of selecting a set of finalists.

For more information about the search process and schedule, see the SPPS Website at www.spps.org.