

**Press Release**

**Superintendent Search Update**

**Gainesville City Charter School System Board of Education**

**February 6, 2017**

The search for the next Superintendent of the Gainesville City Charter School System is progressing as planned. The deadline for applications was February 3. A total of 30 applications were received by the search firm, King-Cooper and Associates. Of the 30 applications, 22 were submitted by Georgia educators and eight were from out-of-state educators. The 30 applicants represent a wide range of current education positions, from Superintendents, central office administrators, assistant superintendents and current principals.

“This applicant pool contains a number of very well qualified superintendent candidates,” said Dr. Sandy Addis, facilitator of the Gainesville search. “Now it is a matter of the Board identifying the most qualified applicant who is also the best fit to lead this superior school system.”

In the coming weeks, the search firm will collect reference information on all applicants. During the month of February, the Board will review all applications and identify applicants to call in for first round interviews.

King-Cooper and Associates distributed a survey to all Gainesville City School System employees and Governance Council Members and had it posted on the school system’s website. A total of 545 individuals responded to the surveys.

Six characteristics of the next Superintendent were rated as most important by all three groups. These highest rated characteristics were:

- Honesty, integrity, and moral character
- Willingness to make tough decisions
- Strong work ethic
- Ability to attract and retain high quality and well qualified employees
- Willingness to listen to parents, community members, and employees
- Ability to oversee curriculum and instruction