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### Cambridge School Committee Announces Superintendent Search Interview Committee Members

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**Cambridge, MA** – Cambridge Mayor and School Committee Chair David P. Maher announced today the selection of 19 community members from across the city to serve on the Superintendent Search Interview Committee (SSIC).

“We greatly appreciate all those who volunteered to serve on the SSIC either through self-nomination or referral, said Maher. “It is always gratifying to see the level of interest in and support of our schools by Cambridge citizens. The 19 individuals selected are reflective of a broad and diverse cross-section of the many stakeholders in our public schools, and we believe they will bring tremendous insight and perspective to the process of selecting the next Superintendent.”

The Superintendent Search Interview Committee (SSIC) includes School Committee, educational, parent/guardian, non-profit community partner, higher education, diversity, business and city representatives. Members of the SSIC are:

Fred Fantini, Vice Chair, School Committee  
Richard Harding, Jr., School Committee  
Patty Nolan, School Committee  
Trina Abbott, Parent, Cambridge Rindge & Latin School  
Ross Benson, Teacher, Cambridge Rindge & Latin School  
Lewis Bryant, Head of Multicultural Services, Buckingham Browne and Nichols School  
Katie Charner-Laird, Principal, Cambridgeport School  
Terry Gist, President, Cambridge Education Association  
Karen Greenleaf, Content Strategy/Google for Education  
Jeff Lockwood, Global Head of Communications, Novartis/ President, Cambridge Chamber of Commerce  
Maryann MacDonald, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education  
Geeta Pradhan, Executive Director, Cambridge Community Foundation  
Tracey Pratt, Special Educator/ Teacher, Cambridge Street Upper School  
Sachiko Rodes, Parent, Tobin Montessori and Vassal Lane Upper Schools  
Bridget Rodriguez, Associate Director, Ed Redesign Lab, HGSE  
Ellen Semonoff, Assistant City Manager, Human Services  
Lloyd Sheldon Johnson, Professor of Behavioral Science, Bunker Hill Community College  
Elissa Spelman, Executive Director, Breakthrough Greater Boston  
Michael West, Parent, Cambridge Rindge & Latin School

“With the support of Hazard, Young & Attea search consultants Hank Gmitro and Ed McCormack and superintendent search liaison Barbara Allen, members of the Superintendent Search Interview Committee will screen credentials, interview selected candidates, and recommend finalist candidates to the School Committee for further interview and selection,” said Maher. “The goal is to select and announce finalists during early October. Shortly after that, the full Cambridge community will be provided an opportunity to meet the finalist candidates and share their thoughts and opinions about the Superintendent selection with the School Committee.”

Current Superintendent of Schools Jeff Young announced last year his plans to step down at the end of this school year, and the School Committee launched a national search process for his replacement in the Spring. The Committee anticipates selecting Young’s replacement by the end of October, to assume leadership of the school district at the end of Young’s tenure.

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