# Superintendent Search Katonah-Lewisboro Public Schools

Leadership Profile Report
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### Leadership Profile Report Interviews, Focus Groups, and Open Forums

#### In District

- Board of Education
- Superintendent
- Assistant Superintendents
- Directors and Assistant Directors
- Administrators
- Faculty
- Support Staff
- District Clerk
- Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
- Union Leadership
- High School Students

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#### School and Community Groups

- PTO, Parent Council, SEPTO
- Arts Alive
- Booster Club
- ERJC

### **Community Forums**

- Noon time via Zoom (4/10)
- Evening via Zoom (4/10)

### Leadership Profile Report Participation

Group	Number of Participants
Board of Education	7
Superintendent	1
Administrators	23
Faculty	3
Support Staff	10
Students	15
Community/Parents/Guardians	55
Total	114

# Each of the Individuals and Groups Were Asked to Share Their Thoughts on These 3 Questions

- 1. How would you describe the strengths of the District?
- 2. What do you see as the greatest challenges facing the District in the next few years?
- 3. What characteristics and areas of expertise would you like to see in the next Superintendent?



Summary of Comments and Consistent Themes From Interviews, Focus Groups and Open Forums (alphabetical order)

### Strengths of the District - Consistent Themes

- Academic excellence
- Caring community
- Culture of thoughtful deliberate listening
- Highly qualified and committed administrators, faculty, and staff
- Students who are engaged and eager to learn



### Challenges/Issues/Concerns Facing the District

- Assess instruction looking at research based best practice, alignment, and consistency for all students in the District
- Develop systems to address the structures and functions of departments and schools in the District
- Establish a strategic roadmap that defines District priorities that are aligned to the District vision and mission
- Oversee the upcoming \$49.5 million capital project beginning in the Summer of 2024

### Summary Characteristics of the Next Superintendent From Interviews, Focus Groups, and Open Forums

All groups consistently spoke of the importance of the next Superintendent having the following desired characteristics:

- A strategic systems thinker
- Accessible and visible
- Approachable
- Calm
- Excellent listener and communicator
- Instructional leader
- Mentor
- Open to hearing and respectful of people with opposing views
- Reasonable
- Student focused



# **Survey Results**

## Survey Results

Group	Number of Participants
Board of Education Members	N/A
Superintendent	N/A
Administrators	2
Faculty	30
Support Staff	12
Students	1
Parents/Guardians with students in the Katonah-Lewisboro Public Schools	298
Community members who do not have children in the Katonah-Lewisboro Public Schools	67
Total	410

### **District Strengths**

- District schools are safe (TL)
- Technology is integrated into the classroom (TL)
- Facilities are well maintained (M)
- District technology infrastructure is sufficient to support use of technology in the classroom - (M)
- Students are on track to be ready for the next grade and ultimately college and career ready - (TL)

Key TL = Teaching and Learning M = Management

# Top Rated Characteristics Constituents Desire in a New Superintendent\*

- Provide transparent communication (CE)
- Foster a positive, professional climate of mutual trust and respect among faculty, staff, and administrators (CE)
- Establish a culture of high expectations for all students and personnel (VV)
- Recruit, employ, and retain effective personnel throughout the District and its schools (M)
- Demonstrate a deep understanding of educational research and emerging best practices and implement strategies (VV)

\* Key

CE = Community Engagement

M = Management

VV = Vision and Values

\*Respondents were asked to select 4 statements they deem most important in selecting a new superintendent.

### **Desired Characteristics**

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After seeking input from its Board members, parents, staff, students and the community via focus groups, interviews, and an online survey, the Katonah-Lewisboro Board of Education seeks a strong strategic leader who:

- Addresses challenges and issues calmly, respectfully, and is open to hearing opposing views;
- Assesses instruction through the lens of research based best practices to align and provide a consistent educational experience for all students across the District;
- Develops systems to address the structures and functions of departments and schools in the District;
- Guides the District in defining its priorities and collaboratively develops a roadmap to assist the District in achieving its mission and vision;
- Is experienced with capital projects;
- Is an experienced Central Office leader with a proven record of success.

### Desired Characteristics (Continued)

#### The successful candidate will:

- ➤ Be certified as a superintendent, or capable of gaining certification, in New York State;
- > Demonstrate a sincere commitment to the long-term success and well-being of the District.

## Next Steps

Recruiting

Interviewing

Selecting

# Thank you!