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Screening Committee Members Announced

During the October 15, 2018 meeting, the Hingham School Committee voted to establish a Superintendent Search Screening Committee including 15 members to assist in reviewing candidates.

The Screening Committee members represent a balance of staff and community members who have a strong understanding of the responsibilities of the superintendent. The School Committee invited select groups to appoint their representatives including the School Principals, Department Directors, Teachers, the Town Administrator, PTOs and SEPAC. School Committee Chair Michelle Ayer appointed members of the School Committee's Salary & Negotiations subcommittee to the Screening Committee including Liza O'Reilly to serve as Chair and Carlos DaSilva to serve as Vice Chair. In addition, the School Committee jointly named a School Department Central Office staff member and two At-Large community members.

The School Committee received 24 applications for the two At-Large positions. Chair Michelle Ayer explained, "We had a difficult choice to make from excellent applicants who represented a wide range of skills and experiences from our community. Based on the expertise of the appointed members, we looked for specific talents, demographics and understandings of the Hingham Public Schools to create a committee that will seek a future looking leader."

While the School Committee has the sole authority to appoint the superintendent, the Hingham School Committee appointed a Screening Committee to assist in the superintendent search process to ensure meaningful representation of community and school stakeholders. The Screening Committee responsibilities include reviewing applications, interviewing chosen candidates from the applicant pool and recommending several candidates to the School Committee for further consideration.

The committee members include:

Liza O'Reilly, School Committee, Chair-Screening Committee
Carlos DaSilva, School Committee, Vice Chair-Screening Committee
John Ferris, Director of Business and Services, Central Office Administrator
Derek Smith, Hingham Middle School Principal – Secondary level
Tony Keady, East School Principal – Elementary level
Katie Roberts, Science Department Director
Margaret Curran, Hingham Middle School Teacher – Secondary level
Monica Matthews, Foster School Teacher – Elementary level

Charles J. Cristello, Public Official – retired Town Administrator
Linda Kutsch, Public Official – former Advisory Committee
Susanna Cahillane, PTO Member
Christine Smith, PTO Member
Mary Beth Barber, SEPAC Member
Christina Doble, At-Large member
Richard Dwyer, At-Large member

In January 2018, Dr. Galo confirmed her plans to fulfill her contract through the 2018-2019 school year and retire at the end of her term in August 2019. The School Committee announced that it will conduct a full, open search for a new superintendent to be hired for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information about the search process, please visit: <https://hinghamschools.com/school-committee/superintendent-search/> . For more information about NESDEC, please visit: www.nesdec.org

Hingham Public Schools serves nearly 4,300 students in four elementary schools, a 6-8 grade middle school and a 9-12 grade high school. The mission of the Hingham Public Schools is to provide challenging and comprehensive educational programs in a safe and supportive environment, enabling all students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary for success as local and global citizens. Commitment to learning, fulfillment of potential and service to others are the core values of the Hingham Public Schools. For more information about the Hingham Public Schools, please visit: <http://hinghamschools.com>.

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