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Perkins-Tryon Board Members Open Superintendent Search

McElroy announces retirement, district opens community survey

Perkins-Tryon Superintendent Joe McElroy recently announced that he will retire at the end of the school year. McElroy has been the superintendent of Perkins-Tryon since 2020 and has been in education for over 30 years. He will continue to serve the district as superintendent until the end of the school year, June 30.

At a special board meeting April 14, Perkins-Tryon board members approved a partnership with the Oklahoma State School Boards Association to assist with the superintendent search, including the launch of a community survey.

The public is invited to share the qualities and characteristics they value in a superintendent in a brief, online survey. Parents, students, staff and community members can access the survey on the district's website – p-t.k12.ok.us – until May 5.

According to Perkins-Tryon Board of Education President Erica Hering, the community survey is important to the search process, allowing board members to hear from stakeholders and ensuring the selection of an education professional who reflects the needs and mission of the district and community.

"Finding a candidate for superintendent who understands the needs of our district and community and reflects the mission of our schools is one of the most important responsibilities we have as school board members," Hering said. "Responses will help us gain insight into the characteristics you value in a superintendent and will help us as we navigate the search process. We hope you will take time to complete the survey."

Applications for the Perkins-Tryon Public Schools superintendent position are currently available and will be accepted through May 12.

OSSBA has helped facilitate superintendent searches across the state, working with other school board associations throughout the country to ensure a competitive candidate pool. The non-profit organization has partnered with several Oklahoma school districts of all sizes to perform superintendent searches, including Banner, Stillwater, Newcastle and Woodward.

OSSBA assists districts with advertising openings, recruiting potential candidates, furnishing an online application management system, and providing guidance and support throughout the search process.