

March 2014

Boston Superintendent Search Is Underway

Twelve-member Search Committee has begun work, but timetable is tight

The search for a new permanent Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools (BPS) began with the appointment of the twelve members of the Search Committee by the School Committee at its February 26 meeting. The Search Committee is charged with the selection of three finalists to submit to the School Committee.

The Search Committee has selected the search firm of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) which was approved by the School Committee on March 12, 2014. The School Committee had sent RFP's to 25 search firms and received four proposals.

Starting on March 11 and ending on March 31, the Search Committee, aided by HYA, has held seven public neighborhood hearings to solicit public comment from interested parties about what experiences, strengths and qualifications the next Superintendent should possess.

Rough Search/Selection Calendar

- April 16 - HYA submits draft job description
- April 30 – School Committee votes on job description
- May 22 - HYA submits pool of candidates to Search Committee
- Late May–late June - Search Committee presents names of three finalists to the School Committee

Experienced and qualified Superintendents should be attracted to the Boston

Superintendent position due to the stability of the BPS with an appointed Board, supportive Mayor, engaged business and institutional community as well as active philanthropic and education nonprofit organizations. Even so, this is an aggressive schedule for a search that started in March.

Search Committee

Co-Chairs:

- **Dr. Hardin L. K. Coleman** – BPS School Committee member and Dean of the BU School of Education
- **Robert Gallery**, President of Bank of America Massachusetts

Members:

- **Michael Contompasis**, former BPS teacher, Headmaster, COO and Superintendent
- **Pam Y. Eddinger**, President of Bunker Hill Community College
- **Bill Henderson**, Retired Principal of the O'Hearn Elementary School and teacher
- **Michael O'Neill**, Chair of the School Committee and banker
- **Laura Perille**, CEO of Ed Ventures
- **Jeri Robinson**, V.P. of Early Childhood Initiatives at the Boston Children's Museum
- **Regina Robinson**, Dean of Student Affairs at Cambridge College
- **Richard Stutman**, President of the Boston Teachers Union
- **Dr. Dania Vazquez**, Headmaster of the Margarita Muniz Academy
- **Andrew Vega**, Boston 8th grade teacher