

## **An Invitation to Participate in the Superintendent Search Focus Groups**

Dear Darien School Parent and Community Member:

The members of the Darien Board of Education cordially invite you to attend a focus group to assist the Board in establishing direction for the selection process for the new Superintendent of Schools.

**Three alternative Parent/Community Focus Groups will be held in the Board of Education Meeting Room at 35 Leroy Avenue as follows:**

**Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

**Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.**

At this meeting, you will have an opportunity to meet one or more of the search consultants from School Leadership, LLC which has been engaged by the Darien Board of Education to assist it in the search. The consultants will describe the process and estimated timetable for conducting the search. The remainder of the meeting will be devoted to hearing participant responses to three prompts: (1) From your perspective, what would attract a highly-qualified educator to seek the position of Superintendent in our school district? (2) What do you see as some of the major leadership challenges that the new Superintendent will face over the next three to five years? (3) What types of prior experiences and personal and professional qualities would you hope the new Superintendent will have?

If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, there is a brief survey accessible on the Darien Public Schools website using the link [www.surveymonkey.com/r/dariensupt](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dariensupt) until October 26, 2018.

The Darien Board of Education wants and values your opinions. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to participate.

Sincerely,

Katie Stein & Christa McNamara  
Co-Chairs Superintendent Search Committee