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EXECUTIVE OPPORTUNITY
AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION OF
PART-TIME SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
CHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHESTER, NH

The School Board of Chester, NH invites qualified candidates to apply for the position of Part Time Superintendent of Schools. The position is currently a .6 FTE.

The School District maintains one school building, Chester Academy, which houses approximately 500 students from Pre-School through grade 8. The District tuitions its high school students to Pinkerton Academy in Derry, NH. The Superintendent works closely with the Headmaster at Pinkerton Academy in support of Chester students' secondary education.

The town of Chester is located 50 miles north of Boston, and 37 miles west of Portsmouth. Chester has easy access to the Seacoast, Manchester, and Concord. The Town has rich traditions including an annual Town Fair, an upcoming celebration for the 300th anniversary, fundraising events, and draws people from all over for the October viewing of our Scarecrows, featured on WMUR's Chronicle program. Chester has a population of 5,350 residents.

While many town residents have second- and third-generation family roots in Chester, the town is also notable for its openness to newcomers.

The district is dedicated to providing a rigorous, well-rounded academic experience and strong support services. The community is very supportive of the schools. The FY 2021 school district operating budget is \$12.8 million. There are also strong community partnerships that support the district's goals and expected outcomes.

Chester Academy was constructed in 1999 and is maintained in an exemplary manner.

The district's mission is: *The Chester School District, as the Education Leader of our community, will ensure that all students acquire knowledge and develop skills and work habits that enable them to compete successfully in a diverse, global community.*

Chester School District personnel shall empower all students to prepare themselves for their future through individual engagement, promotion of self-confidence, and development of leadership and problem solving skills.

This mission is best accomplished when all school personnel recognize and address the individual needs of all students, maintain challenging expectations for the students, seek student engagement, create a positive climate, ensure a safe and orderly school environment, monitor student progress on a frequent basis, and promote effective school-community involvement.

**For additional information about the school district, please refer to the district website at:
<https://www.sau82.org>.**

The successful candidate must demonstrate strong leadership skills, focus on academic excellence, and support every learner to achieve their full potential. This outstanding leader should have a record of successful administrative experience and the ability to collaborate with all stakeholders. Candidates should have strong experience in team building and developing a positive school climate. This innovative and dynamic leader must possess strong community outreach and communication skills and enjoy being a visible presence in the school and community.

The position offers an opportunity to lead a district that has:

- Highly motivated students
- Committed, qualified and experienced faculty and staff
- A strong academic curriculum
- Highly engaged parents and citizens

Qualifications: Qualified candidates must have successful school administrative experience combined with a background in teaching. The ideal candidate will have experience in educational administration, personnel management and a strong understanding of school finance and budgets. An advanced graduate degree is preferred and a master's degree is required. A New Hampshire Superintendent license or eligibility for license is necessary.

The Chester School Board will offer a competitive contract with a regionally competitive salary, commensurate with qualifications and experience, along with a generous benefits package.

The deadline for submitting applications is January 29, 2021. Preliminary interviews are planned to begin by the middle of February 2021. The start date for this position is July 1, 2021. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, application, and at least 3 current reference letters to:

Superintendent Search Committee
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