Hello,

My name is Kelsey Kebbel, and I am Kennett Consolidated School District's interim communications support until they find a full-time replacement.

As you may know, Dr. D. Dusty Blakey, KCSD's Superintendent, is retiring in July, and KCSD board of directors is currently searching for a new Superintendent. I am sharing information and details with the KCSD community, staff, and parents, about focus groups being conducted to get feedback from them, and I'm hoping to communicate with any KCSD alumni.  Would you be able to share the information below with any Kennett Consolidated School District alumni? The focus groups for alumni (Community-at-large) are being held on Zoom on Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. More information and a link to register can be found in the email below.

Thanks so much for any help you can provide!

Kelsey Kebbel

Dear KCSD Parents, Guardians, Students, Staff, and Community:

The application phase of the superintendent search will end on Friday, April 12, 2024. The Kennett Consolidated School District Superintendent position was advertised nationally and included direct outreach to potential candidates. The Board’s next step in the process is to prepare for candidate review and interviews.

District stakeholder input is integral to the search process.

In addition to the previously communicated survey ([English Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KCSDSuptSearchEnglish) and [Spanish Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KCSDSuptSearchSpanish)), the Board is seeking your input by scheduling a series of focus groups. We want to know your views, and we welcome dialogue about the future direction of the Kennett Consolidated School District.

To encourage open and honest conversations, the Board will not be present during any of the focus group meetings. Chester County Intermediate Unit representatives will facilitate the meetings and collect all information in aggregate form. Participant feedback will remain anonymous to the KCSD Board.

To help us in the process, we invite you to participate in a focus group, most of which will be held via Zoom. Please refer to the table below to determine the date, time, and location (virtual or in person) of your specific stakeholder focus group.

To ensure appropriate Zoom setup and privacy, we ask that you RSVP at least **one day prior** to your scheduled focus group. You can RSVP by clicking on the link in the table below. Registered participants for Zoom focus groups will be sent a Zoom link in a follow-up email and your information will not be shared with KCSD.

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| **Stakeholder Group** | **Location** | **Date & Time** | **Registration Link** |
| KCSD Parents/Guardians/PTO/  Boosters | Zoom | Tuesday, April 9  7:00-8:00 p.m. | [www.cciu.org/KCSD-parents-guardians-pto-boosters](http://www.cciu.org/KCSD-parents-guardians-pto-boosters) |
| KCSD Administrators | Zoom | Wednesday, April 10  8:30-9:30 a.m. | [www.cciu.org/KCSD-admin-act93](http://www.cciu.org/KCSD-admin-act93) |
| KCSD Community-at-Large | Zoom | Wednesday, April 10  7:00-8:00 p.m. | [www.cciu.org/KCSD-community](http://www.cciu.org/KCSD-community) |
| KCSD Staff (Professional & Support) | Zoom | Thursday, April 11 4:00-5:00 p.m. | [www.cciu.org/KCSD-staff](http://www.cciu.org/KCSD-staff) |
| KHS Students | KHS | Thursday, April 11 9:00-9:30 a.m. | [www.cciu.org/KCSD-students](http://www.cciu.org/KCSD-students) |
| Spanish-language parents, staff & community members | Kennett Library | Thursday, April 11  7:00-8:00 p.m. | [www.cciu.org/KCSD-spanish](http://www.cciu.org/KCSD-spanish) |

All input received from the focus groups and surveys will be reviewed by the CCIU. Themes that emerge across all or most of all audiences, both internal and external, will be utilized to develop interview questions, to create the best candidate profile, and to help guide the Board.

Once the application deadline has passed, the Board will screen applicant resumes and credentials and will interview the most highly qualified candidates. The Board hopes to have the search process completed so that the new superintendent can assume their responsibilities at the Kennett Consolidated School District on or close to August 1, 2024. Please refer to the KCSD website for ongoing updates.

Thank you again for your ongoing support during this very important process. We look forward to working with the entire Kennett community to bring an outstanding educational leader to serve as the District’s next Superintendent of Schools.

Sincerely,

Board of School Directors

Kennett Consolidated School District