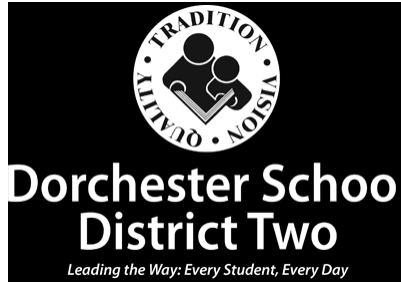# Announcement of Superintendent Search
Application Deadline: February 14, 2022

Dorchester School District Two
District Two
Leading the Way: Every Student, Every Day

The Dorchester School District Two (Summerville, SC) Board of Trustees has retained the South Carolina School Boards Association to assist in the search for the new superintendent. The Board of Trustees invites applications for the position.

The search

All applicants should be able to demonstrate a proven record of exceptional leadership with the following additional qualifications:

- A leader with a vision of educational excellence who will work cooperatively with the Board of Trustees to build relationships with students, staff, parents, and the community to achieve academic excellence for all students.
- A leader who can analyze current situations, initiate appropriate action, inform the Board of Trustees when advisable, and who will provide leadership in the development of short-and long-term goals for the district.
- A visible, accessible, approachable leader who is committed to building mutual respect and trust and serving as a model and mentor among staff.
- An articulate communicator with strong interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to work creatively, effectively, and visibly with board members, staff, students, parents and the community.
- A person who understands the complexities of school finance, can interpret educational and financial data, and who will maximize the use of resources in support of the educational programs of the district.
- An administrator with a thorough knowledge of and successful experience in school district management, including information technology, staff development, program assessment, accountability measures and school improvement.

The application

Applicants are requested to submit all the following:

- A letter of application indicating interest in this position
- A completed application form, including the applicant's statement section (available at www.scsba.org)
- A current resume
- Three recent letters of reference written within the last six months

Send application materials and direct all inquiries to:
Judy LeGrand
jlegrand@scsba.org

Candidates must be certified or eligible for certification as a superintendent in South Carolina. If you do not hold a South Carolina superintendent's certificate, please contact the Office of Educator Licensure, South Carolina Department of Education, 803-896-0325, licensure@ed.sc.gov. Applicants will be required to demonstrate their ability to meet all certification requirements prior to finalist interviews being conducted.

DISTRICT DATA
Student Average Daily Membership
(2020-2021): 24,184
Employees: 3,508 certified & support personnel*
Monthly Payroll: $11,715,500
2020-2021 General Fund Budget: $216,784,405
2020-2021 General Fund per Pupil
Expenditure: $8,963.96

ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS
Schools
15 elementary schools
6 middle schools
3 high schools
1 alternative program (grades 6-12)
1 adult/community education program
(pre-kindergarten – adult)

Average Pupil: Teacher Ratio
4K: 20:2
Kindergarten: 24:2
First Grade: 19:1
Grades: 2-3: 22:1
Grades: 4-5: 24:1
Grade 6-8: 27:1
Grades: 9-12: 28:1

* Dorchester School District Two is the
largest employer in Dorchester County.

TRANSPORTATION
180 buses, 165 routes (1 route=1 run of each:
elementary, middle, high)
Over 14,000 students transported daily
Over 15,000 miles driven per day
Approximately 50 field trips per month

FOOD SERVICE
All district schools serve a nutritious breakfast and
lunch every day. All meals served meet nutritional
standards established by federal (U.S. Department
of Agriculture) and state (South Carolina
Department of Education) guidelines.

41% of students receive free or reduced lunch

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
More than 600 business partnerships
Over 3,500 volunteers
Active PTA units at all schools

STUDENT STATISTICS
Average SAT scores for 2019-2020: 1026
(state average 1019; national average 1030)
Average ACT scores for 2019-2020: 18.7
(state average 18.4; national average 20.6)
2020 Graduation rate, 91.4% (state average 82.1%)
Dropout Rate: 0.7%
Graduates in 2021 were offered $33,393,363
in scholarships

District Highlights

- The AdvancED Accreditation Commission has awarded Dorchester School District Two district-wide National Accreditation, recognizing the district as a quality school system of excellence.
- Dorchester School District Two received the national 2021 Best Communities for Music Education Award. This is the second year the district has earned this recognition.
- Summers Corner Performing Arts Center at Rollings Middle School of the Arts opened in the spring of 2020 to serve students and the community. This state-of-the-art facility was made possible through a partnership with Lennar Homes.
- The school district has partnered with the Town of Summerville and Dorchester County to renovate Summerville High School's McKissick Field. Through this partnership the stadium will be used for community events in addition to athletic events.
- Dorchester School District Two partnered with the City of N. Charleston to open a community Aquatic Center in 2020 to serve students, their families, and the community.
- Summerville High opened a second Career and Technology Education Center in August 2019 that houses an Advanced Manufacturing Center. This innovative center was developed in collaboration with an Advisory Committee of businesses, community leaders and colleges and technical schools.
- All district schools have active PTA/PTSAs and School Improvement Councils.
- More than 550 business partners have assisted schools with programs including mentoring, tutoring, school projects, and educational resources.
- The district has 134 National Board-Certified Teachers in district classrooms.
- District Nurse Coordinator Amanda Santamaria was elected President of the South Carolina Association of School Nurses.
- Eight district schools earned an Excellent overall rating on the 2019 state report cards, with no schools rated as unsatisfactory. All three high schools received an overall rating of Excellent.