

March 20, 2023

Dear WPS Families,

The Westwood School Committee is pleased to announce that the Westwood Superintendent Search Committee has submitted three candidates to the School Committee for consideration as our next Superintendent.

The Search Committee reviewed twenty-five applications and asked seven applicants to interview with the Search Committee. The interviews were conducted from March 13 – 17. After extensive discussions regarding each candidate, the Search Committee voted to recommend the following candidates (listed in alphabetical order) to the School Committee for finalist consideration for the position of Superintendent:

- Ian P. Kelly, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent, Dedham Public Schools
- Rebecca H. Kidwell, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, & Professional Development, Rockland Public Schools
- Timothy P. Piwowar, Superintendent, Billerica Public Schools

Our finalists will be visiting the Westwood Public Schools this week, and members of the community will have the opportunity to meet these candidates in a public forum. The School Committee will also interview the finalists on the day of their visits. The schedule is as follows:

**Wednesday, March 22: Mr. Piwowar**

- 5:45 – 6:30 pm: Community Forum (WHS Little Theatre)
- 7:00 – 8:00 pm: School Committee Interview (WHS Little Theatre)

**Thursday, March 23: Ms. Kidwell**

- 5:45 – 6:30 pm: Community Forum (Westwood Public Library)
- 7:00 – 8:00 pm: School Committee Interview (Westwood Public Library)

**Friday, March 24: Dr. Kelly**

- 8:00 – 9:00 am: School Committee Interview (WHS Little Theatre)
- 4:45 – 5:30 pm: Community Forum (WHS Little Theatre)

The resumes of the finalists are posted on the School Committee's website. The Community Forums will be live streamed through Westwood Media Center. The School Committee interviews will be held in open session and will also be recorded, with the recordings for all three of the candidates released simultaneously to the public on Friday, March 24.

We would like to thank the members of the Superintendent Search Committee for the many hours they have devoted to reviewing WPS staff, community, and student feedback, reviewing applications and participating in the initial screening process, and interviewing the semi-finalist candidates. We deeply appreciate their commitment to a

thorough and meaningful process and we look forward to welcoming the finalist candidates to Westwood this week.

Sincerely,

Westwood School Committee

Charlie Donahue, Chair

Tony Mullin, Vice-Chair

Amanda Phillips, Clerk

Maya Plotkin

Dorothy Parmelee