



Wissahickon School District

True Blue with a Heart of Gold

October 13, 2020

To the Lower Gwynedd Elementary School Family:

This is Letter #4 (a follow-up to my 9/18/20 letter) concerning LGE's building principal position, and a follow-up to the virtual information session held on 9/22/20 as well.

The online survey that gathered input regarding your perceived strengths and challenges of Lower Gwynedd Elementary School, as well as the attributes that are most important for your new building principal, is complete. The resulting "school profile" and "candidate profile" are attached. Combined, the two profiles have been very helpful to us as we screened candidates, designed interview questions and crafted an authentic exercise assessment for the finalist candidates.

As to candidates, we received a total of 23 applications, and have selected six of those to be interviewed in Round 1 (this week). As previously discussed, from there we intend to select 2-3 finalists, who will be invited back for a second round of additional interviews (as well as for an authentic assessment exercise to see how they think on their feet and respond to a hypothetical scenario that reflects some of the profile responses and priorities). That will take place next week.

The official appointment of the new principal is still tentatively scheduled for the end of November (pending the results of an extensive reference checking effort). The actual start date of the new principal will depend on his/her existing employment contract (I will keep everyone posted in the coming weeks as the fog clears on that front). Lastly, Mr. Feeley will remain at the helm of Lower Gwynedd at least until the end of December, and possibly a tiny bit longer. We remain in his debt for providing such top-shelf leadership at Lower Gwynedd while we sort out the permanent leadership plan.

Warm regards,

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Attachments: Candidate Profile and School Profile