



## BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Kathleen Welsh, Supervisor of Special Services

The Blairstown Board of Education is beginning the process of searching for a new Superintendent to succeed Mr. Saalfeld, who is retiring effective January 1, 2021 after 12 years of distinguished service to the Blairstown Elementary School District. We are extremely grateful for his time in Blairstown.

To facilitate the search process, the Board has contracted with the New Jersey School Boards Association, a statewide organization that provides support to all public school districts in New Jersey.

Our NJSBA Field Service Representative, Kathleen Helewa, is serving as our Search Consultant. Kathleen worked with the Board, Administration, and our community to help create our school district's strategic plan, and she looks forward to working with the Board and all of our stakeholder groups during the search.

In order to gain input from all members of our school community, we have requested that Kathleen facilitate online meetings with our school staff, as well as our families and community members. Kathleen will be meeting with our educational professionals in a closed online meeting.

**Our open community input session is set for October 1 at 7pm, via Zoom. Please mark your calendars!** Everyone in our community is welcome to attend; pre-registration will not be required. We will post the meeting link on our website and on the app as we approach the date. Furthermore, online input surveys will also be available starting September 24.

The advertisement and application for the position can be found here:

<https://www.njsba.org/jobs/74383/>

The Blairstown Board of Education is committed to transparency throughout the process. We will post all updates to our website and the app as they become available. Thank you for partnering with us during this most important endeavor.

Warm regards,

Jeremy Cook

President, Blairstown Board of Education