



Dear Fellow Educator,

The School Board of SAU #34, which includes the Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative School District and the Washington and Windsor School Districts, invites qualified candidates to apply for the position of Superintendent of Schools. The district includes the four towns of Hillsboro, Deering, Washington and Windsor and is located in southwestern New Hampshire. The communities enjoy easy access to Concord and Manchester via Route 89 and Keene via Route 9 and are within close proximity to the Mount Sunapee and Monadnock regions. Boston, MA is within a comfortable driving distance as are other numerous historic, cultural and picturesque New England locations.

The K-12 cooperative district houses 1,500 students in three buildings: one elementary, a recently-constructed middle school and a modern high school. Washington provides for 65 students in one K-5 school. The districts enjoy dedicated, well-qualified staffs and engaged communities all committed to providing for the full range of student needs.

SAU #34 takes pride in its connections with its past and its commitment to meeting the challenges of a continuously improving school system. It provides a variety of learning opportunities including advanced placement courses, special education options and enrichment programs. For example, Hillsboro-Deering Elementary School provides a full-day Kindergarten program and secondary students have a selection of academic, pre-vocational and internship experiences and a wide variety of extracurricular activities. As a result of district efforts, the SAT scores are increasing annually while many of the graduates pursue post-secondary education.

The district also boasts a unique asset in the Duncan-Jenkins Trust which distributes approximately \$250,000 yearly in teacher and student enrichment grants and scholarships.

The Superintendent is supported by several district-wide staff members including: Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Business Administrator and Director of Student Support Services. At the Hillsboro-Deering campus, there is a Director of Technology and a Director of Facilities. There are 169 professional staff and 58 support staff in the SAU districts.

The next Superintendent of SAU #34 must continue to have student performance and development as a primary focus supported by a balance of academic, athletic, fine arts and community service opportunities. Qualified candidates must have a background in teaching combined with central office experience. An advanced graduate degree is preferred and a Masters' Degree is required. New Hampshire superintendent certification or eligibility for certification is necessary.

SAU #34 is prepared to provide a multi-year contract with a competitive salary and benefits package, commensurate with qualifications and experience.

This is an exciting opportunity for the right candidate to make a difference as an educational leader. Interested applicants should contact Dr. Ken DeBenedictis, SAU 34 Superintendent Search, New England School Development Council, 28 Lord Road, Marlborough, MA 01752; 508-481-9444 (phone); search@nesdec.org (email); www.nesdec.org (website). It is anticipated that applications will be reviewed beginning **December 22, 2009**, with interviews scheduled shortly thereafter. The starting date is July 1, 2010. For additional information about the school district, please refer to: **www.hdsd.org**.

I look forward to your application, your referral to someone whom you believe is qualified, or a nomination of an educator whose attention should be called to this position. All inquiries and nominations should be made to the NESDEC office. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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