



ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Athol-Royalston Regional School District is committed to providing challenging educational experiences that inspire students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become responsible citizens in the global community.

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April 11, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians/Teachers/Staff,

As you may already be aware, Mike Leander and Anne Diaz have both chosen to resign their positions in the Athol-Royalston Regional School District to pursue positions in other districts. This is unfortunate; however, the district must prepare for them leaving.

It is my understanding that Anne Diaz's last day will be April 13, 2018. In order to ensure her position is filled immediately, the district has hired Yolanda Burnett to take her place until the end of the school year. Yolanda has been a principal in Boston Public Schools and an Assistant Director of a Charter school. Mr. Leander will stay on until June 30, 2018.

The district will begin a search for these two positions as well as a new position, Director of Early Childhood. This position will oversee grades Pre-K to 1. The decision was made to alter other positions to create this position so communication could be more effective as well as create a small school atmosphere. In order to ensure that the hiring process for each of these positions is transparent, the district will be looking for teachers, paraprofessionals, staff, parents/guardians and community members to take part on each interview committee.

Each committee will consist of the following: 2 core teachers, 2 administrators/directors, 2 parents/guardians, 1 community member, 1 paraprofessional/administrative assistant, 1 school committee member and 1 specialized teacher (Special education, unified arts, guidance etc.)

All people selected for an interview committee will meet with the superintendent on April 24, 2018, at 3:30 PM, in the ACES library to review the work of the search committee and to select the candidates to be interviewed. The interviews will take place at ACES and will be as follows:

- Principal Interviews will take place on Monday, April 30, 2018, starting at 8:30 AM (Kate Clark)
- Assistant Principal Interviews will take place on Friday, May 4, 2018, starting at 8:30 AM (Darcy Fernandes)
- Director of Early Childhood interviews will take place on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 8:30 AM (Lynn Bassett)

If you are interested in taking part on any of these committees, please contact Julie Marynok via phone or email. Her phone number is 978-249-2409, and her email is jmarynok@arrsd.org