

SUPERINTENDENT

Sarasota County School District, Sarasota, Florida

The Sarasota County School District is an exceptionally high performing school system of 42,600 students in 52 schools on the Southwest Florida Coast. The area includes some of the finest beaches in the world, virtually unlimited opportunities for outdoor activities year round, a thriving cultural community and a dynamic economy.

The retiring superintendent has in her eight-year tenure forged strong collaborative partnerships and enjoys the abiding trust of the School Board, parents, students, faculty, staff and voters. The Sarasota County Schools are known to be successful, innovative and dedicated to helping every student reach his or her full potential. They are a source of deep community pride.

The district has received an A grade every year since the state grading system was introduced. Its reading scores were the second-highest in the state in 2016. The district has been recognized by the Kennedy center for the Performing Arts for its exemplary work in integrating arts and academics.

Combined SAT scores are 104 points above the state average and 64 points above the national average. High schools offer IB and AICE diplomas as well as AP and dual enrollment classes. The Pine View School for gifted students is ranked the sixth-best high school in the U.S.

The annual general fund budget is \$417 million. The district enjoys a strong bond rating and has received multiple awards for excellence in financial management.

The district is the largest employer in Sarasota County and an important element of the area economy. Several major foundations grant millions of dollars a year for special projects and professional development. Local voters support a one-mill budget referendum that provides \$48 million a year in operating funds and a county sales tax that provides supplemental funding for school infrastructure.

The district has rebuilt all of its traditional high schools, a new technical college and a technical high school. It provides wireless ports in every classroom and secondary classrooms that incorporate state-of-the-art technology into collaborative, project-based learning environments.

For more information about this remarkable school district and community, visit www.sarasotacountyschools.net.

The five-member School Board of Sarasota County seeks a superintendent with the following qualifications:

- A master's degree, doctorate preferred, from an accredited institution,
- Ten years of educational leadership experience, or equivalent business or governmental experience, with at least three years in an executive leadership position,
- Florida experience preferred.

The successful candidate must be eager to lead a high-achieving, innovative school district; be familiar with the latest research on educational leadership, student achievement and school effectiveness; and have the vision, energy and financial expertise to manage a complex organization.

The position start date and transition period begins in December, 2016. The Board is prepared to offer a three-year contract with a salary range of \$185,000-\$225,000 plus competitive benefits. Candidates selected as finalists must be available for interviews during the week of Oct. 11, 2016.

For more information and to begin the application process please click here:

<http://sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/superintendentsearch>

Please feel free to direct any questions or inquiries to Search@sarasotacountyschools.net

****Submissions must be received no later than August 12, 2016****

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