

March 9, 2023

The Avon Lake City Schools Board of Education is undergoing a Superintendent Search to replace retiring Superintendent Robert Scott. Their goal is to have a new Superintendent named by the beginning of June and in place to begin the 2023-2024 school year. Please see below for a Press Release announcing the two finalists for our Superintendent position.

The Board of Education values your insight and opinions. Input from Community Focus Groups and surveys was used to develop and enhance the profile of Avon Lake's next leader. This valuable insight identified common themes used to evaluate potential candidates for interviews.

You are invited to attend a Meet the Superintendent Finalists event on Thursday, March 16, 2023 being held at Avon Lake High School, 175 Avon Belden Road, Avon Lake. At this time, each candidate will share their background and answer pre-submitted questions. The schedule will be as follows:

Staff Members (meeting in Room 114)

5:00-6:00 David Harmon

6:00-7:00 Joelle Magyar

Community Members (meeting in the LAKE Center)

6:00-7:00 David Harmon

7:00-8:00 Joelle Magyar

We value your feedback and hope you plan on attending the Meet the Superintendent Finalists event on March 16 and submit your questions in advance to the Avon Lake City Schools Board of Education. The Board will select the top questions for the candidates to answer during the Meet the Superintendent Finalists sessions. Please click here to register and submit your questions: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AvonLakeCandidateQuestions>

Sincerely,

Jim Stobe, President  
Avon Lake City Schools Board of Education

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Avon Lake City Schools superintendent search progressing**

Avon Lake, Ohio - The search for a new Avon Lake City Schools superintendent is progressing as planned, according to Board of Education (BOE) President Jim Stobe. Over the past few months, the process has included input from district stakeholders, as well as first round interviews conducted by the BOE, and has now progressed to the final interview stage.

The BOE has narrowed the search for a new Avon Lake City Schools superintendent down to two final candidates. The candidates are:

David Harmon, Chief of Human Resources at the Dayton Public School District  
Joelle Magyar, Superintendent at the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

The BOE will conduct final interviews on March 16 which will also include an opportunity for staff and community member engagement.

“The Board is extremely pleased with where we are at in the process and we are ready to move forward to engage community members and staff with our next round of candidates,” said Stobe. “We are focused on a transparent and collaborative process as this is a significant moment for the future of the Avon Lake City Schools and our community. We are very excited about the professional backgrounds and leadership qualities of our finalists and look forward to learning more about them through this process.”

The superintendent search has been underway since November 2022, when the Avon Lake City Schools BOE hired the Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) to

find a replacement for Robert Scott who announced last fall that he is retiring at the end of this school year.

The new superintendent will begin with the district Aug. 1, 2023.

OSBA is in its 67th year of service to public education and represents nearly 100 percent of the state's public school board members.