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**BROOKLINE** 

# Superintendent's Update

February 6, 2025



# FRR Principal Search – Finalists

After a thoughtful and rigorous interview process, we are pleased to announce that three candidates have been identified as finalists:



**Danielle  
Betancourt**



**Candice  
Whitmore**



**Sara  
Yuen**

These candidates have strong credentials and excellent experience that would make them successful leaders in the Public Schools of Brookline.

# FRR Principal Search—Next Steps

We look forward to introducing the three finalists to the FRR staff and parents/caregivers in the coming week:

- **Meeting with FRR Staff**

Wednesday, February 12th from 2:45pm to 4:15pm in the FRR multipurpose room

- **Meeting with FRR Parents/Caregivers**

Wednesday, February 12th from 6pm to 7:30pm

Following each of these meetings, we will distribute surveys so that feedback by staff and parents/caregivers can be used to guide the final decision.

# FRR Principal Search

I want to thank the entire FRR community for their involvement in this process. Faculty and parents/caregivers met with me in January to provide feedback on the leadership qualities we are looking for in the permanent school leader and we had additional responses and feedback through the online survey. All of that feedback was synthesized into the Leadership Profile that guided the interview committee in their work in reviewing applications and interviewing candidates.

I am very grateful to the following members of the FRR and PSB community who volunteered their time to serve on the interview committee:

- **Parents/Caregivers:** Sivan Shimony, Sarah Chostner and Emily Jaffe
- **Faculty:** Amanda Donohue, David Lindner and Jennifer Mathis
- **District Leaders:** BHS Head of School Anthony Meyer, K-12 Performing Arts Curriculum Coordinator Kenny Kozol and Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Jodi Fortuna

Joining me in the second-round interviews were members of my senior team including Liza O'Connell, Claire Galloway-Jones and Jodi Fortuna. I am grateful to them for sharing their time and expertise.

# Update from Office of Educational Equity

OEE's equity cycles continue at Florida Ruffin Ridley, Lawrence, and Runkle. At this point, numerous PSB staff members across the three schools—from administrators to teachers, paraprofessionals, specialists, etc.—have been trained in multiple modules from PSB's bespoke equity curriculum, designed by OEE.

OEE would like to recognize the dedication of FRR, Lawrence, and Runkle's Equity Teams and the commitment of all staff and faculty participating in this pilot program.



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