

Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members;

The Superintendent Screening Committee has chosen two finalists.

They are:

Tara Brandt is the Supervisor of Mathematics in the Westfield Public Schools. She has previously taught at the kindergarten and fourth grade levels and was both a Math and Technology and a Science and Technology Specialist within the Chicopee Public Schools. Ms. Brandt is a doctoral student at UMASS/Amherst in Educational Policy and Leadership.

Jennifer Haggerty has worked in education for over 25 years. She is currently the Principal of The Dexter Park School, as part of the Orange Elementary Public Schools, and spent twenty years as a kindergarten teacher in the Fitchburg and Gardner Public School systems. She also was a trainer for the Northeast Foundation for Children providing instruction and mentoring for teachers throughout New England.

Below is a schedule of times you may either meet or participate in a forum with the candidates who will spend a day in the district. The following are the dates and times each candidate are scheduled in the district.

January 12 Tara Brandt
January 13 Jennifer Haggerty

Shutesbury 8:00 a.m.
Leverett 10:30 a.m.
Swift River 12:30 p.m.
Erving 2:20 p.m.

An Interview/Forum will take place at **Erving Elementary School on January 26th** at the following times:

6:00 P.M. Tara Brandt
7:30 P.M. Jennifer Haggerty

The Supervisory Committee of Union 28 will interview the candidates individually; the interviews may include allowing time for public questions.

Please join us during these events and share your valuable input as all audience members will have the opportunity to fill out response forms.

Bob Mahler
Superintendent of Schools