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Worcester School Committee to announce new superintendent by end of April



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WORCESTER — The Worcester School Committee plans to announce the district's new superintendent by the end of April.

After two days of confidential interviews with semifinalists on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Ad Hoc Search Committee and a search firm will move forward with what they call the "referencing period" after discussions, said Molly McCullough, chair of the search committee.

"They will gather information that we've requested on candidates and they'll come back to us and that'll also be an executive session on April 14," McCullough said. "That's when the search committee goes through all of that information, has discussion, and then determines who they are putting forward as finalists."

While the finalists have not been announced yet, McCullough said that there is no set number.

She said that the current plan, tentatively, is to announce the finalists at the full School Committee meeting scheduled for April 19.

From there, between April 25 and 28, the School Committee would schedule district meetings, walkarounds with the candidates and then final interviews.

"It would be so that the candidate can get a sense of the district but also so members of the school communities have some interactions with the candidates," McCullough said. "Basically just everyone getting a sense of one another and having some opportunity for them probably to ask them questions at specific schools about programming and things like that."

The selected applicant will work with Superintendent Maureen Binienda to ensure a smooth transition when she retires on June 30 and the new superintendent begins on July 1.

"It's been a great interview process and a lot of great work being done by the search committee," McCullough said.