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ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Input for the Search for a Superintendent of Schools

The Arlington Central Board of Education has engaged Focus Consulting Associates, LLC to assist it as it undertakes a search for a new Superintendent of Schools. The Board feels it is important to obtain input from members of the Arlington school community as to the qualities which it should seek in a new Superintendent.

There will be a series of meetings for Arlington faculty, staff, parents, and students to secure input on the search. **There will be a public meeting on November 2 at 7:30 pm at Arlington High School that is open to all Arlington residents.** If you are unable to attend a meeting, please share your input by completing this brief survey. Your input is greatly appreciated. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 6, 2009.

Please complete the survey and return it in one of the following ways:

- Mail: Focus Consulting Associates, LLC at 37 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY 10532
- Fax: 914-347-0215
- E-mail: Vbeni@FocusSearches.com
- Place it in a sealed envelope addressed and delivered to the office of the School District Clerk, Margie Flynn at 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

In the following list of 15 important qualities for a Superintendent, please place an "X" in the boxes beside the *FIVE* background and experience factors which you feel are most critical for an individual to be successful as the Arlington Central Superintendent:

- Experienced as a superintendent of schools
- Experienced as a central office administrator
- Experienced as a school principal
- Experienced as a teacher
- Experienced in providing leadership in improving further a high-achieving school district
- Holder of an earned doctorate
- Skilled in public relations
- Skilled in collective bargaining
- Skilled in providing instructional leadership
- Skilled in the area of human resources (e.g. selection of personnel)
- Skilled in budgeting, finance, and facility planning
- Skilled in short and long-range planning
- Skilled in public speaking and in written communication
- Skilled in working effectively with an elected board
- Skilled in the political process (e.g. working with legislators and other elected officials)

What do you think is the most important quality the next Superintendent of the ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT should possess? Tell us why?

Other comments or recommendations:

I am (please mark ALL those that apply):

- A resident of Arlington Central without children currently in its schools**
- A resident of Arlington Central with child(ren) currently in its schools**
- A member of the Arlington Central teaching staff**
- A member of the Arlington Central support staff**
- A member of the Arlington Central administrative staff**
- An officer of an Arlington Central PTA and/or a member of a Site-Based Team**
- A student attending the Arlington Central schools**
- A member of the Arlington Central Board of Education**
- Other: _____**