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South Whittier Invites Community Input as Board Prepares to Select New Superintendent

SOUTH WHITTIER – The South Whittier School District is seeking input from parents, students, teachers, staff and other community stakeholders to inform the Board of Education's decision in selecting a new superintendent of schools.

Participants are invited to submit input on the qualities and characteristics they value most in South Whittier's next superintendent through a survey available at <u>www.surveymonkey.com/r/BFSMPPW</u> through **Friday, March 3**.

The survey is also available in Spanish at es.surveymonkey.com/r/B3VB36D.

The search for a new superintendent follows the decision of Superintendent Gail Baxter, who has dedicated nearly 27 years of her education career to South Whittier, to retire at the end of the school year.

To facilitate the search process, the Board of Education on Feb. 7 hired Leadership Associates, a La Quinta-based executive search firm specializing in California school districts, which put together the survey and will share the results with the Board.

The survey information will be used to develop a profile indicating the professional experiences, leadership and personal characteristics the community would like to see in the District's next superintendent, who will be tasked with helping to maintain and build on the District's successes. The survey also asks questions on district strengths, challenges and community values.

The survey can also be found on the District's website at www.swhittier.net.

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