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WALLINGFORD SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Wallingford-Swarthmore Board of School Directors seeks an experienced, student-focused educator who can lead an effective team and continue a collaborative culture, which fosters positive learning outcomes for an increasingly diverse student body, while maintaining fiscal discipline. The Board, staff, and community are committed to well-rounded educational experiences and high student performance in an era of mandated high-stakes testing, while helping students manage day to day stress and pressures to achieve.

- Wallingford-Swarthmore School District (WSSD) is located 12 miles southwest of Philadelphia and serves Nether Providence Township (a/k/a Wallingford) and the Boroughs of Rose Valley, Rutledge, and Swarthmore. This high-performing district is close to major academic, historic, cultural and recreational venues, and has easy access to primary transportation facilities. *Money* magazine has placed Nether Providence on its list of the Top 10 Best Places to Live in the United States, and *Philadelphia Magazine* named Swarthmore as the best college town in the Philadelphia area.
- All five WSSD schools have been awarded the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award by the United States Department of Education.
- In 2014, Strath Haven High School was ranked 5th in the state for SAT scores. Ninety-two per cent of 2015 graduates attend a 2 or 4 year college. SHHS has been recognized by The College Board as a national “Advanced Placement Honor Roll School,” and by *US News & World Report* and *Newsweek* magazines as one of “America’s Outstanding High Schools.”
- In addition to being home to the largest marching band in Pennsylvania, WSSD fields a broad range of successful athletic, academic, musical, and STEM clubs and teams, many of which compete at the state and national level.

Candidates should demonstrate leadership qualities that include strategic thinking and acting, sound financial management skills, and the ability to collaboratively develop and realize a vision for the District; excellent communication and community development skills; the ability to anticipate possible challenges and new directions; and an innovative, solutions approach to planning and decision-making. Candidates should have a willingness to work with District stakeholders and make decisions in a manner exemplified by trust and integrity, and prior experience in doing so.

The Wallingford-Swarthmore School District offers a highly competitive salary and benefits package in the 200’s and a multi-year contract to an experienced educator with at least 5-10 years administrative experience and a doctorate. Candidates should possess or be eligible for the Pennsylvania superintendent letter of eligibility and preferably have both building level administrative experience and direct budget responsibility. The target appointment date is January 15, 2016.

All contacts regarding this position should be directed to Penn Search. Letters of interest and résumé should be sent to:

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Application Deadline: Monday, November 30, 2015

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