

To: The Louisiana School for the Deaf Community
From: Joseph E. Fischgrund, Search Consultant
RE: Search for a new Director of LSD: update
Date: December 8, 2009

I am writing to update you on the progress of the search for a new Director of the Louisiana School for the Deaf.

The position of Director has been nationally advertised, including distribution on all national Deaf Education bulletin boards and job posting sites. Announcements of the position were also sent to all schools for the Deaf in the United States and all Doctoral Programs in Deaf Education.

The application deadline is Friday, December 11, 2009. On Monday, December 14, 2009, the Search Committee will meet to review all applications. The Committee will make recommendations concerning which of the applicants should be invited to an initial round of interviews. All applications are submitted to the Human Resources Department of the School and neither I nor members of the Search Committee will know who has applied until we meet on Monday morning.

The Search Committee has been selected from the names of individuals who expressed interest in serving on the Committee when the focus groups were held in September. I wish to thank everyone who expressed interest in serving, and we have attempted to select a representative Committee from those who submitted their names. Those individuals who will serve on the Committee are as follows:

- Gigi Brown, Supervisory Team
- Robby Porter, Elementary
- Dorothy Rodriguez, Middle School
- Laurie Williams, High School
- Mary Smith, Academic Support Faculty
- Rhonda Fung, Residential Program
- Chris Sonnier, Eagle Eyes Parent-Staff Organization
- Randall Pippins, LAD
- Kevin Lemoine, SSD

I believe this is a very representative and knowledgeable Committee and I thank them in advance for accepting this important responsibility. I do want to request of the Community that you refrain from asking Committee members questions about candidates; the names of candidates are considered confidential and Committee members are required to maintain this confidentiality until the point in the process when the names of candidates to be interviewed are announced to the Community.

Thank you all for your interest in and support of the search process for a new Director of LSD, and I look forward to being on campus again on December 14.