

Superintendent Search Committee Application

Full Name

Christine Belfrey Johnson

Do you have experience on other Selection Committees?

Yes

List the most recent Selection Committee(s) you served on and the year?

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Which district do you reside in?

District 4

Which category best describes your background?

PreK-12 Education

What motivates you, as a volunteer, in serving on Minneapolis Public Schools superintendent search committee, and what educational committees have you served on?

Selecting an exceptional leader for our children within the Minneapolis Community is what motivates me. I've obtained an M.Ed in Educational Administration & my research topic was the Racial Achievement Gap in the Minneapolis Public Schools. That was 10 years ago and the disparity still exists today. I have worked as a teacher in north Mpls for several years & I currently mentor north Minneapolis students who attend Southwest High school. I am a big believer that all students can succeed with the proper guidance & care of an exceptional leader, community & school.

The selection process is expected to last for 90 days. Is there anything about the length or scheduling of the meetings that would interfere with your ability to serve on the selection committee?

No

The School Board is aware that there has been a great deal of discussion about the achievement gap (difference in achievement for students of color vs whites). Do you have an opinion, one way or another, on this subject?

Again, I believe all children can succeed irregardless of race & socioeconomic background given the tools, guidance & leadership to do so. I strongly believe that it does start with home & community support working with the school.

Race/Ethnicity

African American

Gender

Female

Are you comfortable listening to diverse opinions and feel free to respond in turn (i.e. give and take dialogue)?

Yes, I am on two different board committees. Redeemer Lutheran Church along with the Wirth Coop. I have also served as the Equity Co Chair at Southwest High School.