

Superintendent Search – Sole Finalist Named

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- What is a Sole Finalist?** Being named a sole finalist for superintendent of schools means that the school district has chosen one preferred candidate for superintendent, pending a final vote by the school board.
- Who is the Sole Finalist?** On June 18, 2024, the Atlanta Public School Board of Education announced Dr. Bryan Johnson as the sole finalist for Superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools (APS).
- Who is Dr. Bryan Johnson?** Dr. Johnson is an accomplished K-12 leader and former corporate executive who brings extensive experience in educational leadership, workforce development, business strategy, change management and collaborative leadership.
- For nearly two decades, Dr. Johnson has dedicated much of his career to public education. He would join APS from his current role as the Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Strategy Officer at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He has also served as Chief Transformation Officer for U.S. Xpress Enterprises. While serving as Superintendent of Hamilton County Schools from 2017 to 2021, the district became the fastest-improving school district in Tennessee.
- Dr. Johnson has received numerous accolades, including the 2021 Tennessee Superintendent of the Year by the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, named a National Superintendent of the Year Finalist, EdWeek’s “Leader to Learn From,” listed as a “Superintendent to Watch” by the National School Public Relations Association, and recognized as a “2020 Outstanding Young Alumnus” by Austin Peay State University.
- What’s next:** While Dr. Johnson was the first choice by the Board AND a unanimous selection, we must be consistent with Georgia legal requirements, specifically OCGA Section 50-18-72(a)(11). This requires school districts to provide a minimum of 14 days for public input before finalizing an agreement with a new superintendent. The Board can vote on the appointment any time after the 14 days.
- Town Hall Meetings:** The Board is committed to ensuring a transparent and inclusive selection process that reflects the needs and aspirations of the district's diverse community.
- On June 24, 25 and 27 and July 2, 3 and 6, Dr. Johnson will engage with community members during these six Town Hall Meetings in APS

facilities. Each one-hour town hall meeting will begin at 6 p.m. A full listing with locations can be found at www.atlantapublicschools.us.

Anyone is invited to submit questions and provide feedback during each town hall meeting by visiting www.atlantapublicschools.us.

These meetings will be live-streamed, and the general public and media members are encouraged to attend in person.

Media Release:

Click [HERE](#) to read the June 18, 2024, Media Release announcing Dr. Johnson as the sole finalist for APS Superintendent of Schools.