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Cincinnati Board of Education to Select Superintendent Today *Board to Act Following Final Interviews*

The Cincinnati Board of Education announced its intent to make a selection of the next superintendent of Cincinnati Public Schools this afternoon following final interviews this morning of the two finalists: **Catherine Laura Mitchell**, Deputy Superintendent of Cincinnati Public Schools, and **Andre Spencer**, Superintendent of Harrison District 2 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

After the interviews, the Board will meet in executive session to discuss the district's next top administrator. It is estimated that Board Members will then meet in open session at about **2 p.m. in the Interactive Learning Center of the district's Education Center, 2651 Burnet Avenue**, to vote to extend an offer to the educator selected, said Ericka Copeland-Dansby, Board President.

The two emerged as the leading candidates through an extensive national search process shaped in large part by input from local stakeholders, said Board President Ericka Copeland-Dansby. [Thirteen priority qualities](#) for the superintendent were identified in surveys, open meetings and small-group sessions involving parents, district employees and community representatives, she noted. Some of the questions used in the interview process were suggested by stakeholders.

"They are both bright, dynamic educational leaders who rose to the top based on proven track records of raising academic achievement, achieving greater equity in access to opportunities and outcomes for all students, and a commitment to deeply engage the community," she said.

On Monday late afternoon and evening, scores of parents, community stakeholders and district employees took the opportunity to meet the finalists in person during a reception at Mayerson Academy adjacent to the Education Center.

"I am appreciative of the support of community members and the value they hold for education in coming to meet the finalists face to face," she said.

The Board began the search following the announcement of Superintendent Mary Ronan in November that she would retire at the end of July following nine years in the district's top administrative position.



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