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Board of Education Announces Three Finalists for Queen Anne's County Superintendent of Schools; Each Finalist to Have "Day in the District" Next Week

Centreville, Maryland (March 8, 2017) – The Queen Anne's County Board of Education has announced the names of three finalists for the next Queen Anne's County Superintendent of Schools. Each finalist will participate in a busy "Day in the District" next week. After an orientation and preparation meeting on Tuesday, March 7, members of focus groups will participate in interviewing the finalists.

The finalists, in order of the date of their "Day in the District," are as follows:

Monday, March 13: Mr. Gregory J. Pilewski. In Queen Anne's County, Mr. Pilewski has served as Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services and School Improvement and Interim Superintendent of Schools. During Mr. Pilewski's time with Anne Arundel County Public Schools, he occupied the positions of Director of Curriculum, Director of Humanities and Arts, Executive Director of Curriculum Innovation and Design and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Tuesday, March 14: Dr. Theo L. Cramer. Dr. Cramer has served in Maryland Public Schools for 26 years. He has spent 17 years with Prince George's County Public Schools and nine years with St. Mary's County Public schools. During his career in public education, he has been a middle and high school teacher, a Special Education and Advanced Placement course teacher, assistant high school principal, high school principal, and director and executive director of several departments at the Central Office.

Wednesday, March 15: Dr. Andrea Kane. Dr. Kane's education career began in 1991 at Anne Arundel County Public Schools in a multitude of instructional and leadership roles. She has been a teacher, assistant principal, principal, senior manager for elementary improvement, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction and Associate Superintendent for School Performance. Dr. Kane has also served Richmond Public Schools (Richmond City, VA), in roles such as Associate Superintendent of Academic Services/Chief Academic Officer.

Each "Day in the District" will include:

- An informal coffee time with local officials.
- Interviews with panels of Central Office administrators, principals, support staff and retirees, business leaders, teachers, parents and community leaders.
- A quick tour of three Queen Anne's County schools.
- Lunch with students.
- A time to meet with media.
- Dinner and dialogue with the Queen Anne's County Board of Education.

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Board of Education President, Bishop Arlene Taylor, says, “To our focus groups participants, I am very glad that you have agreed to take part in this historic event, in assisting us in the choosing of our new Superintendent.” On behalf of the Board of Education, Bishop Taylor affirms, “We the Board of Education give you our heartfelt thanks, we all are striving to do what is best for our children.”

The Board’s goal is to choose the top candidate for superintendent by around April 1, 2017, vote to appoint the chosen candidate and announce in an Open Session Meeting after April 15, 2017. The new superintendent would start work on July 1, 2017.

The Board of Education brought in the expertise of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) to conduct the superintendent search process. In the meantime, then QACPS Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Gregory Pilewski, is acting Interim Superintendent of Schools for the 2016-2017 school year. MABE held stakeholder input sessions in October 2016 to gather the input that shaped the search for a new superintendent.

Starting in November the superintendent opening was posted widely so that qualified local, state and national candidates could apply, with the first consideration of applications by MABE in January 2017. The Board conducted two rounds of interviews this winter to select the three finalists for extensive interviews March 13-15, 2017, with various stakeholder groups. These groups will provide input to the Board as it prepares to choose a new superintendent.

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About Queen Anne’s County Public Schools

Queen Anne’s County Public Schools (QACPS) is a high performing public school system that ensures every student demonstrates a commitment to high achievement and everyday excellence. We partner with families and the community to accomplish a world-class curriculum, excellence in teaching, and challenging education experiences. We ensure that every student possesses the skills and knowledge to empower them to thrive and continue to grow intellectually, physically, emotionally, and socially in a rapidly changing, globally competitive society. QACPS has eight elementary schools, four middle schools, two high schools, and one Anchor Points Academy/alternative education, employing over 1,400 people and educating over 7,500 students. Further information on QACPS is available at www.qacps.org, or call 410-758-2403.