

Monday, Jan. 6, 2023

## Newton Mayor's Update



*Leaders matter.*

*We have an excellent Interim Superintendent of the Newton Public Schools, Kathy Smith.*

*The Search Committee for the next fulltime Superintendent has selected three well qualified people for us to consider.*

*Please read the information on our three candidates below:*

### **Newton Public Schools Announces Superintendent Finalists Search Committee Recommends Three Finalists for Consideration**

**[Newton, MA]** - The Newton Superintendent Search Committee is pleased to announce that three candidates have been recommended for further consideration by the Newton School Committee in the search for a permanent superintendent for the Newton Public School district.

On February 4, 2023, the appointed Newton Superintendent Search Committee interviewed an impressive slate of seven candidates who had been selected from an initial screening process conducted in late January. After thorough discussion and review, the search committee voted to recommend three candidates for further consideration by the Newton School Committee. The candidates selected as finalists, listed in alphabetical order, include:

- **Thomas Anderson, Superintendent, New Bedford Public Schools**
- **Peter Light, Superintendent, Acton-Boxborough Regional School District**
- **Anna Nolin, Superintendent, Natick Public Schools**

Short summaries of the candidates are below. Full resumes and background information can be found in this folder: [Newton Superintendent Finalist Resumes and Background Information](#)

The week of February 13 (schedule below) finalists will be visiting Newton for in-person tours, staff meet-and-greets, and a virtual community forum. In the evening, the Newton School Committee will conduct public, in-person interviews. Dates and timelines are forthcoming and will be posted on the search webpage. Newton educators, staff, families, and community members will be invited to provide feedback on each candidate.

## Candidate Visit/Interview Schedule

- **Monday, February 13, 2023 - Superintendent Peter Light**
- **Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - Superintendent Anna Nolin**
- **Thursday, February 16, 2023 - Superintendent Thomas Anderson**

“On behalf of the Newton School Committee, I would like to thank the members of the search committee for the many hours they have devoted to reviewing community feedback, creating the profile of the desired candidate, participating in the initial screening process, and interviewing the semi-finalist candidates,” said Tamika Olszewski, Newton School Committee chair and co-chair of the Newton Superintendent Search Committee. “The search committee, with its diversity of perspective, background, and experience, has put forth excellent candidates for the full Newton School Committee to consider in this final phase of the search for a leader of our outstanding school district. We deeply appreciate their commitment to a thorough and meaningful process.”

The Newton superintendent search process, which has been led by a search committee composed of parents, educators, administrators, community members, administrators and School Committee members, has been ongoing since the fall. The committee sought and received important feedback from families and the community about the qualities important for the next leader of the district. Details on the process and the feedback received can be found here:

[Newton Superintendent Search Process](#)

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### Candidate Bios (short)

#### **Thomas Anderson, Superintendent, New Bedford Public Schools**

Mr. Anderson is the current superintendent of the New Bedford School District where he oversees the operation of 25 schools with an enrollment of 13,000 students, and a \$215M budget. Prior to joining New Bedford, he served as the superintendent of the Randolph, MA School District and in Washington D.C. as an Assistant Superintendent. He serves as co-chair of the Urban Superintendents' Association and as an active member of the legislative committee for the Massachusetts School Superintendents' Association.

#### **Peter Light, Superintendent, Acton-Boxborough Regional School District**

Mr. Light currently serves as the Superintendent of Acton-Boxborough Public Schools, where he has served for approximately five years and an enrollment of 5K students. He is responsible for a 102.9M budget, and collaborated with the community and school leaders to open one of the Commonwealth's first Triple Net Zero elementary schools. Prior to this role, he served as the Assistant Superintendent of Franklin Public Schools.

#### **Anna Nolin, Superintendent, Natick Public Schools**

Dr. Nolin is the current Superintendent of Natick Public Schools, where she oversees the operations of a school division consisting of approximately 5,300 students and an 83M budget. Prior to the Natick Superintendency, she served as Natick's Interim Superintendent and as the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning. She has received several grants, including 267K to support safe schools and keeps abreast of current educational trends by participating in and teaching courses at the collegiate level.



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