



*New England School Development Council*

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## **EXECUTIVE OPPORTUNITY**

### **AN INVITATION TO APPLY OR REFER A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT**

The Brooklyn Board of Education seeks dynamic and effective leaders as candidates for its **Superintendent of Schools** position.

#### **About the Brooklyn Schools**

Brooklyn educates 877 students in its two schools on a single campus. Brooklyn Elementary School serves students in Grades PK-4, and Brooklyn Middle School serves students in Grades 5-8. High school students have several options: Woodstock Academy or Killingly High School (designated high schools); Killingly Agricultural Education Program at Killingly High School, Arts at the Capital Theater (ACT) Magnet High School, or Quinebaug Middle College (magnet schools); or Ellis Tech (regional technical high school).

The Brooklyn Schools have a data-driven culture. There is pride in the progress the district has made in focusing on an evidence-based approach to learning. There is a positive atmosphere throughout the district with excellent participation by parents.

Brooklyn has developed and tailored its programs to serve the needs of children and their families. The District offers a universal Preschool program that is NAEYC accredited. In collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Department, the District hosts before and after school and summer programming.

A six-member Board of Education works collaboratively with the Superintendent to establish policy and governance for the District.

#### **About the Brooklyn Community**

Brooklyn is a picturesque community that is home to over 8,400 residents. It is located in the National Heritage Corridor known as the Last Green Valley in the northeastern part of Connecticut. The town can easily be accessed from Interstate 395 or Route 6.

The eastern section of Brooklyn includes a practical collection of stores, restaurants, businesses, and services. The balance of the town gracefully blends residential, historic, and agricultural features.

The community is proud of its rural character. The Brooklyn Fair is among the oldest agricultural fairs in the United States, attracting fairgoers from near and far to its exhibits, competitions, and amusements.

Brooklyn is governed by a three-person Board of Selectmen. A six-member Board of Finance is charged with presenting an annual budget and setting tax rates each year. Brooklyn Schools share technology and fiscal services with the town. Good collaboration among these departments and the school district has been a hallmark of the community.

### **About the Position**

Residents of Brooklyn are immensely proud of their schools. Parents are actively involved and supportive of the efforts of the educational community. The success of the climate and culture is due in part to effective and ongoing communication and solid relationships with the Board of Finance and town government. Additionally, Board of Education members take their roles seriously and understand their role as policy makers and in governance.

The Board seeks a highly effective district leader who will continue the positive work in the area of assessment of student progress and collaboration and communication with stakeholders. Additionally, demonstrated competency in the following areas are of importance to the Brooklyn Board of Education:

- Invested in and visible in the community
- Solid understanding of finances
- Understands the importance of balance when considering needs of students and limits of finances
- Approachable and engaged in the work

Working cooperatively with the Board of Education, the new superintendent will:

- Project a vision for where the district needs to be
- Continue to focus on academic recovery stemming from Covid
- Continue curriculum alignment and articulation between elementary and middle schools
- Address the need for HVAC improvement in the school buildings

The Brooklyn Search Committee is in the process of engaging its stakeholders in a comprehensive needs assessment survey that will help prioritize the qualities, characteristics, skills, and experiences most desired in its next superintendent. Meanwhile, the search committee seeks to raise interest and thoughtful consideration among potential applicants. Please consider this special opportunity to serve as Superintendent of Schools.

Connecticut Superintendent certification or eligibility for such is required. The projected salary for the position is \$175,000-\$185,000, depending on the qualifications and experiences of the successful candidate.

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Review of applications will begin on **January 5, 2024**. Applications received after this deadline may be considered at the discretion of the Board. Candidates selected for initial interviews can anticipate contact after **January 17, 2024**. The anticipated start date for the new superintendent is **July 1, 2024**.