

SPLS PRINCIPAL SEARCH FAQ

UPDATED: 5/29/26

1. WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR HIRING A NEW PRINCIPAL?

- a. The first step was to finalize the job description, which has been completed.
- b. The Search Committee & Prayer Team are now formed. **See #2 below.**
- c. Candidate nominations are still being accepted. You can send any nominations to Aaron Littmann (alittmann@stpeters-columbus.org) or Julie Dietrich (jdietrich@stpeters-columbus.org) at this time. **See #4 below for qualifications.**
- d. The School Ministry Board will review the staff survey feedback to create the candidate profile.
- e. The Search Committee will review the profile and job description, then begin contacting candidates.
- f. Qualified candidates will be invited for a Zoom interview with the Search Committee. The list will be narrowed down and top candidate(s) will be invited for an onsite interview.
- g. Once the Search Committee is prepared to make a decision, they will recommend the candidate and Church Council will announce a Voter's Assembly.

2. WHO WILL BE ON THE SEARCH COMMITTEE? CAN I SERVE ON THE PRAYER TEAM? (updated 5/29)

- a. The search committee consists of several School Ministry Board (SMB) members, teachers, school parents and administrators. The members are:
 - i. Adam Lienhoop - Committe Chair
 - ii. Aaron Littmann - Parliamentarian
 - iii. Shelby Dunville
 - iv. Casey Elsbury
 - v. Micah McCormick
 - vi. Staci Schiefer
 - vii. David Tatham
 - viii. Jessica Trueblood
 - ix. Stephanie Wolff
 - x. Pastor John (ex officio)
- b. Anyone interested in joining the Prayer Team should scan the QR code and fill out the form. Prayer Team members will receive a text with prayers periodically.



Prayer Team

3. WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR HIRING THE NEW PRINCIPAL? WHAT HAPPENS IF THE NEW PRINCIPAL IS NOT HERE BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?

- a. Our objective is to have the new Principal in place by the first day of the 26-27 school year.
- b. Staci Schiefer will serve as the Interim Principal until the new Principal has been hired/called. There is a plan in place to support Staci as she serves as the Interim Principal.

4. WILL THE NEW PRINCIPAL BE A CALLED CHURCH WORKER? (updated 5/29)

- a. It is preferred that the new Principal is LCMS rostered, but is not a requirement.
- b. St. Peter's is committed to maintaining our Lutheran identity. If the Principal is not rostered, he/she will agree to complete doctrinal certification within 24 months of employment.
- c. Qualifications required for the new Principal include a Master's in Administration (or applicable field), 3+ years of educational leadership experience, and a current Indiana teacher/administrator license (or willingness to obtain one within a year).

5. HOW WILL YOU KEEP US UPDATED ON THE SEARCH?

- a. We desire to keep our congregation and school families up to date during the search process.
- b. Please visit our website (<https://stpeterscolumbus.org/school/>) to view the job description and stay updated on the search progress.

6. WHO WILL HIRE FOR THE OPEN JR HIGH MATH TEACHER POSITION?

- a. Paul Meredith is leading the search for this position at this time, supported by the School Ministry Board.
- b. Names are still being collected, and interviews are conducted on a rolling basis.



Prayer Team

HOW CAN I HELP?

Please join us in fervent prayer for the Search Committee and this process. Scan the QR Code to join our Prayer Team:

Stay up to date by visiting the website: <https://stpeterscolumbus.org/school/>

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This document will be updated as new questions arise or information becomes available. Please direct any additional questions to Heather Riegler at hriegler10@gmail.com