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## Hopkinton Public Schools: Director of Student Services Finalist Announced

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Hopkinton Superintendent, Dr. Cathy MacLeod, is pleased to announce that she and members of the administrative team have identified an outstanding candidate for further consideration for the position of Director of Student Services. The process began with initial interviews held by a Screening Committee, which included representation from building level administration, professional teaching and specialized instructional support staff, as well as a parent representative.

The Screening Committee interviewed five applicants, and recommended three for second-round interviews with the Central Office administrative team. The Central Office administrative team has recommended the following finalist for consideration by the School Committee:

**Dr. Karen Zaleski** holds a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from Boston College, and a Master of Arts degree in Counseling Psychology from Assumption College. She is currently the Director for Pupil Personnel Services in the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District. She previously served as Assistant Principal of the Knox Trail Regional Junior High School, and the Mary E. Wells Junior High School in Stockbridge. She began her career as a Crisis Intervention Specialist with the UMass Medical Center's Emergency Mental Health department.

Dr. Zaleski will be interviewed by the School Committee on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, in the High School Library. Interested parties are invited to attend.

The current Director of Student Services, Mrs. Marijane Hackett, has been with the district since 2011, and will retire on June 30, 2015.