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## **Search for city schools' chief meeting timeline; board president Grimes outlines process**

Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) Board of Education President Roy Grimes, MPA, MBA today announced that the process outlined in January to hire a permanent superintendent is on track. Interim Superintendent Susan Miller was hired last July to serve for one year following the retirement of former Superintendent M. Magdalena Carrillo Mejia, Ph.D.

Grimes added that the approved process calls for posting of the position in the next few weeks. "I fully expect that we will meet our timelines," Grimes said.

"Back in January, the Board made the deliberate decision to be transparent, thorough, and open to public comment in its proceedings to select a permanent superintendent," Grimes said. "The selection of a permanent superintendent is one of the most important decisions this board will make for the district." He noted that the SCUSD board welcomed four new board members in December, and that the new team's input was critical in selecting a superintendent. "Susan Miller has served the district well during a challenging time, but we owe it to the students and parents of this district to know that the Board completed a thorough search for a permanent leader," he said.

Earlier this year, the Board approved creation of a taskforce which included business and community members to identify a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to recruit an executive search firm to assist in the hiring of a superintendent.

Grimes said the Board intends to hire a search firm within the next two weeks and begin screening applications by the end of April. Interviews will be conducted in June with a hiring decision made by mid-July 2009.

A link will be established next week on the district web site, [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu) with information—including the RFQ—about the process.

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