



HICKORY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

CATAWBA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Hickory City Board of Education is seeking a superintendent to lead the Hickory Public Schools. Prior experience in school administration is preferred, however, a doctoral degree is not required. The individual chosen will be required to live in Catawba County.

Candidates should demonstrate a strong ability in: (1) instructional and administrative leadership; (2) partnering with community members, school personnel and government officials; (3) public relations; (4) administration and organization; (5) long and short-term planning; (6) budgeting; (7) personnel management and staff development; (8) facility management; and (9) community involvement.

Catawba County has a population of approximately 160,000 people and the Hickory Public Schools serve over 4,000 students in nine schools spread throughout the City of Hickory. Hickory Public Schools has one of the highest concentrations of top ranked public schools in North Carolina. These schools represent the future and pride of the City of Hickory and reflect the progressive nature of this vibrant community.

Located in the foothills of North Carolina, Hickory is about an hour north of Charlotte and within an hour's drive of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Wildlife sanctuaries, miles of hiking trails, museums, (i.e., the Catawba Science Center and Hickory Art Museum), Hickory Crawdads – a minor-league baseball team, local community theatre performances, Lake Hickory, restaurants, breweries, the new City Walk and River Walk, and downtown events all combine to make for countless indoor and outdoor activities throughout the year for children and adults of all ages.

Accolades that define the area's hallmarks include an impressive combination of businesses, amenities, a strong manufacturing base as well as extensive medical, retail and residential development industries.

The Hickory Public Schools is governed by an elected seven member board. The Hickory City Board of Education is consistently recognized as a progressive leader in the community who enjoys a strong relationship with the city and county government and the citizens of the school district. Hickory Public Schools has experienced strong growth in academics over the last several years and the Hickory City Board of Education is searching for a superintendent who will continue this tradition.

Applications must be received by no later than April 15, 2021. Completed applications should be mailed or emailed to Christopher Z. Campbell, Board Attorney, Campbell Shatley, PLLC, 674 Merrimon Ave., Ste. 210, Asheville, NC 28804; Email applicant@csedlaw.com.

All applications will be kept confidential. Candidates must be prepared to take office no later than July 1, 2021 and an earlier start date is preferred.