

**Official Statement from the OPS Board of Education:**

“As a collective body, we acknowledge the need for improved board relations, and we are working to align our schedules to participate in training to cover areas such as: teamwork, leadership and board governance. We anticipate undergoing training this June.

“While we were unable to identify a Superintendent candidate that would have been a best fit for the district, we are committed to moving forward to find the right person to lead Omaha Public Schools.”

“In the meantime, we understand we have an obligation to staff, students and families that must not be put on hold while we continue the search. We will continue working with current Superintendent Mark Evans on district priorities while we head into discussions about re-starting the search.

“We respect our duties and obligations as board members. We remain committed to fulfilling those duties and to the oath we took to serve 52,000 students. We look forward to working together to find ways to productively navigate our individual and personal differences and challenges to achieve what’s best and what’s right for our students, families and the Omaha community.”

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