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**Our mission is to
ensure our students
are self-motivated,
constant learners
with enduring
knowledge, skills
and values for
leading responsible,
productive lives.**

March 10, 2010

Dear Chautauqua Parents and Community Members,

The CES Principal Search Committee has convened to search for our school's new principal. We want you to know about our timeline for interviews so that you can plan to attend the forums to meet our finalists. Semi-finalist interviews will be held next week and 2-3 finalists will be selected for final interviews on Monday and Tuesday, March 22nd – 23rd.

Parent/community forums will be held beginning at 3:40 p.m. on Monday and/or Tuesday, March 22nd and 23rd, depending upon the number of finalists. Specific schedules for the forums with information about the candidates will be posted on our website (www.vashonsd.org) Friday morning, March 19th. Please save these dates on your calendar now.

The Search Committee has confirmed the qualities and attributes we are looking for in the next CES Principal. We are searching for an instructional leader that can create a common vision, knows and models effective practices, and who is accessible, visible, and a partner to every teacher in each classroom. We want someone with a sense of humor who is patient, confident, wise, responsive and able to “hold the tiller stable in rougher seas.”

We are looking for a principal that loves children, welcomes parents as partners in education, and who will actively engage with the community at large. Passion, persistence, energy and a commitment to put in the hours it takes to do an effective job are critical attributes. We also want someone who is realistic about focusing on a few things well, maintains balance in his or her life, and has the emotional maturity to be resourceful under stress.

We are delighted by the strength of the pool of candidates that have applied, and we are confident that our search will yield an excellent principal. We look forward to including your input into our search process and hope you will be able to attend the forum(s).

Sincerely,

Michael Soltman
Superintendent