Posting: Ocean Springs School District, Mississippi

The Ocean Springs School District Board of Trustees seeks an outstanding educational leader to serve as Superintendent of Schools beginning on July 1, 2023.

Ocean Springs, Mississippi, lies at the heart of the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast on the eastern shore of Biloxi Bay. It's known as the City of Discovery in recognition of the French establishment of a settlement in 1699. Long before the French arrived, however, the area was appreciated for its beauty and natural resources by Native Americans. The attributes that brought these early residents have attracted a diverse stream of people during the past 300 years. Ocean Springs has been flavored by many influences during its rich history, and now in the 21st century, it has a unique character attracting more than 18,000 people to call it home.*

Nestled along the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the City of Ocean Springs is a vibrant and eclectic arts community. The community features a pedestrian-friendly downtown that is home to numerous galleries, artist studios, and over 100 restaurants and is home to one of the nation's largest art festivals, taking place each November. With relatively affordable housing, schools that are among the best in the State of Mississippi, premier healthcare facilities, and a unique beauty found all over town, it is easy to understand why Ocean Springs is a popular place to live and work.*

The Ocean Springs School District (OSSD) is home to a beautiful, involved, and welcoming community composed of academic scholars, award-winning teachers, and standard-setting schools, including one of the top-ranked high schools and districts in the state of Mississippi. OSSD serves 6,000 students and operates three elementary schools (grades k-3), one upper elementary school (grades 4-6), one middle school (grades 7-8), one high school (grades 9-12), one Career & Technical School, and one Alternative Education Center. Some notable statistics for the OSSD include ranking in the top 10 in Mississippi for "Best School District", "Best Teachers", and "Best Places to Teach".** With such an eclectic and well-rounded community, OSSD's motto has remained "Academics. Arts. Athletics." to promote excelling not only academically, but on the stage and on the field.

The mission of the OSSD is to teach their students essential content and strategies, which will enable them to apply knowledge beyond their school experience and to have a positive impact on society. The vision is to educate and inspire all students to their highest levels of achievement.***

The Board of Trustees is looking for an innovative educator who will not only continue to uphold the rich traditions and success of the high-performing district but also continue to elevate its students and staff to their highest potential. Specific desired leadership characteristics and qualifications are expected to be available and posted on or around February 28, 2023. Candidates must possess appropriate certification or be immediately eligible to obtain the same. A multi-year contract will be offered with a salary in the range of \$175.000-\$200,000 per annum

subject to negotiation based on qualifications and experience. All interested candidates should apply through the link on this website. Applications will be received through March 31, 2023.

- * Ocean Springs Municipal Website
- **Rankings
- ***OSSDMS.ORG

HYA Website Link: https://hyasearch.com/job/superintendent-ocean-springs-ms/
Search is being conducted by Dr. David Lee. Please respond to david.e.lee@usm.edu if you have further questions.