



Connect Charter School

Superintendent /CEO Search

The Connect Charter School Board of Directors invites applications for the position of Superintendent, effective June 30, 2018. The Superintendent, as Chief Executive Officer, is accountable to the Board of Directors and is responsible for supporting the Board in its governance role and working with the Board, administration and staff in actualizing the goals of the charter and its mandate as a charter school to lead, share and transform.

Candidate for the Position of Superintendent

Connect has a proud history of exceptional results, which comes from a deeply held growth mindset. The charter mandate has been enriched and continually improved through the very exemplary practices and inquiry based experiential learning upon which the school is founded. The school environment is truly vibrant, alive with learning, change and growth. This is a community which thrives on human energy. Contributing here is a calling, not a job.

The Board is seeking an individual who possesses and demonstrates the following qualities and competencies:

- High level of professionalism and integrity consistent with the Code of Conduct articulated by the College of Alberta School Superintendents and the Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard;
- Overriding focus on engaging students, staff, parents, community members and the Board of Directors in achieving the shared outcomes and beliefs of the school;
- Strong commitment to the mandate of a charter school to serve as a centre of innovation, research and the development of exemplary learning, teaching and leadership practices;
- Exceptional skills in building positive, trusting relationships of mutual respect and fostering collaborative working relationships within the Connect Charter School community, the Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools and with other colleagues in education locally and provincially;
- Visionary leadership which seeks out and creates new opportunities for students and staff as a leader in a dynamic, innovative school community;
- Expertise in creating and supporting a safe, caring, engaging and inclusive culture within the school;
- Effective management of school operations and resources in a manner that supports the work of the board, school administration and staff in benefiting student learning to the fullest;
- Understanding of the Alberta context in education and current educational issues and trends; and
- Proven exemplary ability to facilitate collaborative joint ventures and partnerships in keeping with the mandate of a public charter school in Alberta.

About Connect Charter School

Connect Charter School (formerly Calgary Science School) was established in 1999 and currently has a 15-year charter due for renewal in July 2027. Connect currently serves 620 grade 4 to 9 students who reside in all quadrants of the City of Calgary. Students are accepted on a first-come, first served basis and are drawn from a large waiting list. The goals and guiding principles of the school reflect the strong emphasis on:

- meaningfully engaging students in learning and teaching through a disposition of inquiry;
- appropriately using technology to enhance learning and teaching and demonstrate understanding;
- providing a rich variety of opportunities to learn beyond the classroom and to develop an appreciation for environmental stewardship and learning through outdoor education experiences;
- fostering a high level of learner engagement with a focus on having all students experience success;
- enhancing learning, teaching and leadership through a culture of collaboration within the classroom, throughout the school and with colleagues in education beyond the school; and
- engaging students as researchers and informing teaching and leadership practices through research.

Further background information in regard to the school and what is described as exemplary learning, teaching and leadership at Connect Charter School, as well as the 15-year charter document can be found on the school website at www.connectcharter.ca

The successful candidate will qualify for an Alberta teaching certificate, hold a Master's degree, and have a minimum of three years experience in a school system in Alberta or in a system of equivalent standard. In addition to the attributes and requirements listed above, the Board has a preference for candidates with experience as a superintendent of schools. The duties are carried out on a part-time (approximately 0.6 time) basis. Candidates wishing to express an interest in this opportunity are invited to email a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and a list of at least three recent education references by **March 23, 2018** to:

Mr. Dave Robinson - Chair, Connect Charter School Board of Directors
drobinson@cequence-energy.com

The competition will remain open until a suitable candidate is found; however, applications received by March 23, 2018, will be given serious consideration. For further background information, please make reference to the school website at connectcharter.ca and you may also contact our current superintendent, Susan Chomistek, who is retiring in June 2018.

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