



ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Statement from the Andover School Committee on Superintendent's Contract

On Thursday, August 1, 2019, the Andover School Committee voted to extend the contract of Superintendent Sheldon Berman by two years. Dr. Berman's current contract is set to expire on June 30, 2020. With this extension, his contract will conclude on June 30, 2022, at which time Dr. Berman plans to retire after nearly 30 years as a superintendent.

The School Committee's vote follows several months of due diligence and deliberation. The Committee received a wide range of input from community members, spoke to staff and administrators within the school system, and had numerous conversations with Dr. Berman. The Committee considered all relevant issues concerning Dr. Berman's performance over the last four years and, most importantly, focused on what would be best for the District's students moving forward.

"Our students are fortunate to have an entire community invested in providing them with the best educational opportunities," notes Joel Blumstein, chairperson of the Andover School Committee. "Under Dr. Berman's leadership these past four years, it is clear we have moved the District in a positive direction on behalf of our students and we look forward to the continuation of this work over the next three years."

"I want to thank the Committee for their support and hard work on behalf of the community," adds Dr. Berman. "My goal has always been to provide the highest quality education for our students, and I look forward to building on the progress we've made. I appreciate the opportunity to make a positive difference for the children and families of Andover."

While all members were in favor of an extension of some length, Joel Blumstein, Tracey Spruce, Susan McCready and Shannon Scully voted for the two-year extension. The Andover School Committee anticipates that a search for a new superintendent will commence in the fall of 2021.

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