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Dear North Port High School Staff, Parents and Community Members:

As you may already be aware Principal Brandon Johnson has been promoted to Executive Director of Elementary Schools. The Sarasota County School District is preparing to hire a new principal for North Port High School for the 2021-2022 school year and beyond. To ensure the best possible fit between the new school leader and North Port High students, staff and families, the district is inviting members of the school community to share their ideas about the skills, characteristics and experience they would like the new principal to possess.

A principal search meeting, also known as a site analysis, will be held in the North Port High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, February 23, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. An administrator from the district Communications Department will facilitate the meeting. Participants will be asked to respond to questions about what they think is going well at North Port High and what they think can be improved. They will also be asked to list the characteristics they want to see in the new principal. Those attending the meeting will be required to wear a face mask and social distancing rules will be observed. Please note that participants should bring their smartphones to the meeting as their responses to questions will be tabulated via an interactive software program and all responses will be anonymous.

If you cannot attend the principal site analysis in person, you may attend remotely via a one-way broadcast that will allow participants to submit feedback live during the meeting. The remote access URL is: (<https://sarasotacountyschools.zoom.us/j/83153980541S>) School community members who are not able to attend the meeting either in person or remotely may submit their suggestions on an anonymous written survey. Survey forms are now available in the North Port High School office. Completed forms must be submitted to the school administration office by 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 23.

Information collected from the meeting and the surveys will be used to create a report on the skills, experience and characteristics the school community would like to see in a new principal. The principal's position will be advertised after the report has been completed and the information will be incorporated into the screening and hiring process for the new principal. A new principal is expected to be named in the spring.

Please call the district Communications Department at 941-927-4009 if you have any questions about the forum or the hiring process for the new North Port High principal.

Sincerely,

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