

FINANCIAL DATA

EAV	\$182,567,092
Bonds Outstanding	\$ 13,895,911
Total Budget Revenue	\$ 19,372,200
TAX RATE —	
Education	2.4800
Operations & Maintenance.....	0.5000
Transportation.....	0.2000
Working Cash.....	0.0500
I.M.R.F.....	0.1070
Tort Immunity.....	0.3000
Bond & Interest.....	1.1100
Fire Prevention.....	0.0500
Social Security.....	0.1300
Special Education.....	0.0400
Life Safety	0.0500
TOTAL	5.0100

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The PORTA CUSD 202 Board of Education is comprised of citizens dedicated to providing the best education possible for every student it serves. Board members establish sound written policies and expect the superintendent to function as the chief executive officer in implementing those policies.

Name.....*	Years
Jeff Smith, President.....	8
Brandy Zanger, Vice President.....	4
Chris Henderson, Secretary.....	4
Kevin Bettis.....	20
Jeff Schoneweis.....	5
Jackie Brant.....	2
Tracy Thornton.....	2

*Years served on the PORTA CUSD 202 Board of Education.

IDEAL CANDIDATE

Candidates will be evaluated on their professional merits and successful experience that demonstrates a good match for the district, with emphasis on the following, specified by the Board of Education. The Superintendent of our district should be an educational leader who:

- acts with integrity, fairness and in an ethical manner.
- advocates, nurtures and sustains a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.
- ensures the management of the organization, operation and resources for a safe, efficient and effective learning environment.
- promotes the success of every student by facilitating the development, articulation, implementation and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared by all stakeholders.
- has the ability to maximize financial and human resources in support of educational programs in the district.
- collaborates with faculty and community members, responds to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizes community resources.
- has experience in planning both long- and short-range district goals with the Board of Education.
- has a willingness to innovate and encourage others to innovate, while remaining accountable to the Board of Education.

Previous successful teaching and administrative experience is strongly preferred.

Residence in the district once employed is required.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO CONTACT BOARD MEMBERS.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

IASB has an online application process and does not accept mailed, emailed, hand delivered or faxed application packets.

Please begin your application process at: <https://www.applitrack.com/IASB/onlineapp>

Applicants will need to establish a username and password. Applicants will be asked to give consent to a limited background inquiry. Completed responses to statements identified in this announcement will be required.

All applicants must apply online by 12:00 p.m. (CT) September 9, 2022, and upload the following documents to receive consideration:

1. A **formal letter of application** indicating your desire to be a candidate for this position.
2. A **formal resume** that includes a summary of achievements in all education positions, educational vision, and goals, personal leadership philosophy and reasons for your interest in this position.
3. At least **three recent letters of reference dated within the last three years.**
4. **Copies of transcripts** from each college/university attended. **(Please redact/remove your social security number and birthdate before uploading any of these items).**
5. **Proof of qualification and licensure to be a superintendent in the state of Illinois** (copy of the administrative licensure with all related endorsements*) or other evidence showing qualification to be a superintendent in another state. **(Please redact/remove your birthdate before you upload this document).**

*Information on certification and licensure can be obtained by contacting the Illinois State Board of Education, Department of Educator Effectiveness, 100 North First Street, Springfield, Illinois 62777 or by visiting the ISBE website at www.isbe.net.

**Announcement of Vacancy
Superintendent
of Schools
PORTA CUSD 202**



MISSION STATEMENT

Dedicated to providing the environment vital for student success.

June 2022

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY

The Board of Education of PORTA CUSD 202 Petersburg, Illinois is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Superintendent of Schools. The Board wishes to select a superintendent who will begin work on July 1, 2023.

It is anticipated that the total compensation package will be based on successful experience and education. It is expected that the initial contract will be for a multi-year period, as authorized by Illinois statutes.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE DISTRICT AND THE AREA

LOCATION – PORTA is a consolidated district comprising Petersburg, Oakford, Rock Creek, Tallula and Atterberry as the signature communities. The educational center is Petersburg, which lies about 30 miles north and west of Springfield IL. The school district boundaries encompass the boyhood home of Abraham Lincoln, New Salem state park. Additionally, Jim Edgar State Park borders the school district on the West and offers many outdoor activities including biking, fishing, hunting and camping.

TYPE — K-12; 1,079 Students.

OFFICE — 17651 Bluejay Rd., Petersburg, IL 62675.

STAFF — 4 Principals, 75 Teachers, 79 Support Personnel.

CENTRAL OFFICE PERSONNEL — Superintendent, Bookkeeper, 2 HR Personnel, Transportation Director, Maintenance Director.

CURRICULUM — All curriculum is aligned with the common core standards. The district provides a comprehensive curriculum in grades PreK through twelfth grade. The district has 120 seats in the ½ day PreK program. The district has a K-2 Self-contained building, 3-6 Self-contained building and a 7-12 Building. All K-6 grade levels have 3-4 classrooms

per grade level. The K-2 and 3-6 buildings are Title I schools, and students participate in Art, Music, technology curriculum, and physical education. The elementary school is highly proactive with students' social and emotional wellbeing and provides ample opportunities for students to work with innovative technology. The district students are essentially 1 to 1 using Google Chromebooks. The Jr/Sr High follow a traditional schedule. Students have elective opportunities in STEM, Agriculture, Mechanics, Building Trades, Nursing, auto Family and Consumer Science, and Technology. The high school students have dual credit opportunities and advanced placement classes.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS — Special Education programs are offered at school through SASED Special Education Cooperative, located in Springfield, Illinois. Athletic opportunities include Co-op sports with the A-C School District. PORTA High School also has a band, Marching Band, e-sports, fishing, and scholastic bowl.

FACILITIES — Petersburg Elementary houses PreK-2nd grades. PORTA Central houses 3-6th grades. PORTA Jr/SR High School houses 7-12th grades. On-site pool for curriculum and community use. At the conclusion of the 2022 school year all ten-year life safety items were completed.

TRANSPORTATION — The district operates its own fleet of 22 buses and 6 additional vehicles.

FOOD SERVICES — The district operates its own food service program offering federal reimbursable lunches and breakfast.

DIST. WEBSITE — www.porta202.org

MEMBER OF — Illinois Association of School Boards, Lincoln Technical School cooperative, SASED Special Education District, Illinois High School Association, Illinois Elementary School Association.

MEDICAL — SIU School of Medicine, Menard Medical, a Springfield Memorial affiliate, located in Petersburg and in nearby Springfield. HSHS, Memorial and Springfield Clinics are facilities that offer a full line of medical services.

CULTURAL — A variety of cultural activities are available in the Petersburg and Springfield area. The Petersburg community in recent years has become a destination for visitors who appreciate a variety of local businesses that provide recreation, entertainment and food and craft beverages. Additionally, New Salem State Park is the gateway to the legacy of Abraham Lincoln, which can be coupled with many Lincoln and cultural activities in the Springfield area, which include theater, concerts, Illinois State Fair, and The Lincoln Library.

RECREATION — A wide range of recreational activities are in the district and surrounding communities.

PLACES OF WORSHIP — Most major denominations have churches located within the district.

RETAIL — Within the PORTA District, many opportunities are available for boutique shopping. Additional retail opportunities can be found in the surrounding communities.

FRATERNAL AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS — Local organizations include Lions Club, Kiwanis, Rotary, Petersburg Women's club, Menard County Jaycees.

COLLEGES — The PORTA School district is part of the Lincoln Land Community College system. UIS is located in Springfield IL, Western Illinois University, Illinois College, Illinois State. St. John's College of Nursing and Midwest Tech are located a short distance from the district.

INDUSTRY — The community is mainly agricultural but in recent years, the downtown area of Petersburg has grown to become a travel, shopping and dining destination.

A PROJECTED TIMELINE

Application Deadline:
September 9, 2022, by Noon (CT)

Candidates Presented to Board:
October 2022

Board Interviews Candidates:
October / November 2022

New Superintendent Appointed:
By the end of December 2022

New Superintendent Begins:
July 1, 2023

Applicants will be required to provide responses to the following online application statements:

1. Describe your experience in curriculum development and instructional implementation.
2. Describe your experience in school finance and budgeting.
3. Describe your experience in developing and monitoring goals for school improvement.
4. Describe your experience in building and sustaining productive relationships with stakeholders (board, staff, students, parents and community members).
5. Describe your experiences in working with a diverse population (socio-economic, cultural, ethnic, etc.).
6. Having read the ideal candidate section of the announcement of vacancy, why do you feel you are a match for this district?
7. Are you aware of the residency requirement for this position?

This Professional Superintendent Search is being conducted by the Illinois Association of School Boards, Thomas F. Leahy, Director, Executive Searches, 217-528-9688, ext. 1153.



PORTA CUSD 202 is an equal opportunity employer and the Illinois Association of School Boards is an equal opportunity employment search agency.