



## Florence County School District Five

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Dr. Chandar Anderson



Mrs. Allana Prosser



Mr. Rod Ruth

The Florence County District Five Schools Board of Trustees voted Tuesday night, February 9, to select three candidates as finalists for the position of Superintendent of Schools. The newly elected Superintendent will begin July 1.

The three finalists are (in alphabetical order):

**Chandar Anderson** currently serves as an Assistant Superintendent in Chesterfield County School District. He has been with the district since 2013. Prior to this, Dr. Anderson served as a principal in Florence School District One and in Broward County School District in Broward, Florida. He also served as a classroom teacher. Anderson earned his Ed.D. and Ed.S. degrees in Educational Leadership from Wingate University. He earned his M.S. in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. He earned a B.S. in Elementary Education from Claflin University and a B.S. in Theology from Christian Life School of Theology.

**Allana Prosser** currently serves as the Chief Academic Officer in Florence School District 3. She has been in this position since 2019. She has 21 years of educational experience. Prior to the position of Chief Academic Officer, she served in a principal position at Johnsonville Elementary and Scranton Elementary. Her experience also includes assistant principal of Johnsonville Middle School and English teacher at both Johnsonville Middle in FSD5 and J Paul Truluck in FSD3. She earned her Ed.S. degree/ Superintendent track from Arkansas State University. She earned a M.S. in Educational Administration from the University of Scranton. She earned her Teacher certification from Coastal Carolina University and a B.A. in English from Francis Marion University.

**Rod Ruth** currently serves as the Principal for Clover High School in the Clover School District. He has been in that position since 2015. Prior to this he served as the principal for York Middle School. He served as an assistant principal in Clover and Southside Middle School (Florence, SC). Ruth also served as the Principal for Moore Intermediate School in Florence, SC and a classroom teacher in Lake City, SC. He is currently working on his Ed.S. in Educational Leadership at Winthrop University. He earned his M.Ed. in Educational Administration from the University of South Carolina and his B.S. in Political Science from Francis Marion University.

The board made its selection of three finalists after a thorough review of all applicants and interviews with semi-finalist applicants on January 26 and February 8. Each finalist will be in the district to meet staff and faculty and have a final interview with the board on March 1, 2 and 4.

“Through several phases, in a search that began last September, our board is pleased to present three highly-qualified candidates for our next Superintendent.” said the Florence School District Five Board Chair, Chris Marsh. “We are looking forward to the next phase in this process, introducing the candidates to our community. Previously, when introducing candidates to the community, the board would host meet and greets at the school for the three finalists. However, in the wake of COVID and in consideration of safe social distancing practices, we will have a Zoom webinar with each of the three finalists on February 24 and 25.”

During the Zoom question and answer webinar, each candidate will answer five questions. Then, community participants will have the opportunity to type in their questions for each candidate. The webinar will be moderated by the South Carolina School Boards Association. The candidates will answer as many questions as they can during their 45-minute webinar.

On February 24 at 6 p.m., please make plans to “meet” Dr. Chan Anderson during a Zoom Webinar. You will find this link on our district website for Dr. Anderson’s webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88946491336>

On February 25 at 6 p.m., please make plans to “meet” Mrs. Allana Prosser during her Zoom Webinar. You will find this link on our district website for Mrs. Prosser’s webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89939274760>

On February 25 at 7 p.m., please make plans to “meet” Mr. Rodney Ruth during his Zoom Webinar. You will find this link on our district website for Mr. Ruth’s webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87119741468>

Following the three question and answer webinars, the community is encouraged to submit their comments on each of the three finalists via SurveyMonkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XMXSN59> by 5 p.m. on February 26.