



## **Superintendent of Schools | Vacancy Announcement Bridgeport, Connecticut**

### **About the Opportunity**

Bridgeport Public Schools, located in Bridgeport, Connecticut, seeks an innovative, visionary, and dedicated educational leader to serve as its next Superintendent of Schools. This is an exceptional opportunity to lead one of Connecticut's largest and most diverse school districts and to help shape the future of public education for approximately 20,000 students.

Bridgeport is Connecticut's largest city and a vibrant, culturally rich community located along Long Island Sound. The city is conveniently positioned within Fairfield County, approximately 60 miles from New York City, and provides access to leading universities, healthcare institutions, cultural organizations, businesses, and community partners.

Bridgeport Public Schools serves students from prekindergarten through Grade 12 and adult education across approximately 36 campuses and specialized programs. The district employs more than 1,300 classroom teachers and a broad team of administrators, support professionals, paraprofessionals, and operational staff committed to helping every student thrive.

The district's schools include comprehensive high schools, neighborhood elementary and middle schools, magnet programs, alternative educational settings, and specialized learning opportunities. Signature programs include the Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture Science and Technology Education Center, Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Multi-Magnet High School, Central Magnet High School, and a growing range of career, technical, bilingual, multilingual, and special education programs.

Bridgeport Public Schools is committed to creating a culturally responsive, high-performing learning environment in which students thrive academically, socially, emotionally, and civically.

### **Key Dates**

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| August 14, 2026         | Announcement of Vacancy                                       |
| Aug. 31 - Sept. 4, 2026 | Stakeholder Engagement Week and ThoughtExchange               |
| September 17, 2026      | Board Adoption and Publication of Leadership Profile          |
| October 18, 2026        | Application Deadline at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time               |
| October 26, 2026        | Presentation of Slate of Candidates to the Board of Education |
| November 9-10, 2026     | Semifinal Interviews with Candidates                          |
| November 13, 2026       | Final Interviews with Candidates                              |
| December 1, 2026        | Tentative Appointment of New Superintendent                   |
| July 1, 2027            | Preferred Start Date                                          |

The search schedule may be modified by the Bridgeport Board of Education as necessary.

## **Application Process Begins Mid-September**

Interested candidates should submit the following documents:

- A completed application
- A cover letter explaining the candidate's interest in Bridgeport Public Schools and how the candidate's experience aligns with the district's needs
- A current résumé or curriculum vitae
- Three current professional letters of recommendation
- Unofficial university transcripts confirming degree completion
- Evidence of a valid Connecticut Superintendent of Schools certification, commonly referred to as the 093 certification, or documentation demonstrating eligibility to obtain the required certification
- Any additional materials identified in the official application instructions

Applications must be received by **October 18, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time**. Incomplete applications or materials submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

## **Confidentiality**

All applications and inquiries will be handled with the highest level of professionalism, confidence, and discretion permitted by applicable Connecticut law.

Candidates should not contact individual Board members regarding the position. All questions and application materials should be directed to the Zeal Education Group search team.

## **About Zeal Education Group**

Zeal Education Group is a national consulting firm committed to partnering with schools and districts to solve their most complex challenges. Its team of superintendents and education-industry thought leaders brings expertise across critical areas of education and delivers innovative solutions designed to drive meaningful change.

For additional information, please visit [www.zeal-ed.com](http://www.zeal-ed.com).

## **Contact Information**

Please direct all questions regarding this unique opportunity to the search team at Zeal Education Group. Rest assured that all inquiries will be treated with confidence and discretion.

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