

NESHAMINY

Superintendent finalist for job

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Neshaminy's superintendent appears to be the lone finalist for an identical position in Connecticut, and he says he plans to continue his job hunt.

"It is important that both the superintendent and board share similar expectations and priorities, and lacking those similarities, it is in my and the board's best interest that I move on to another school district," Paul Kadri said in an e-mail Friday.

On Tuesday, Kadri, 43, notified the school board he is a superintendent finalist in the 5,200-student Groton Public School district, roughly half the size of Neshaminy.

No details were available Friday. Groton board members are planning to visit Neshaminy on Monday, according to a Connecticut newspaper.

Earlier this year, Kadri was a finalist for a superintendent position in Michigan.

The district hired Kadri in 2006 under a four-year contract. His salary last year was \$170,000.

"I have tremendous respect for all who make up the Neshaminy community," he wrote in the e-mail. "Over the past two-plus years, we have been able to achieve much success in helping to strengthen the present condition of the school system and position it for success in the future.

Recently, Kadri has expressed frustration with board members over what he described as a lack of direction and job expectations.

Kadri said he and the school board regret the process of his seeking a job in another district will become public. He assured his job hunt will not become a "detrimental distraction" to the district.

Board member William O'Connor said he's saddened Kadri feels he must leave.

"Despite being successful in his job and having tremendous community support, Mr. Kadri has been undermined in his efforts for the past two years," O'Connor said. "But that's politics in this area."

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