



## Capitan Municipal Schools

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where everyone  
is valued,  
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### **PRESS RELEASE**

Following interviews with outstanding semifinalists for the Superintendent position at Capitan Municipal Schools, the following candidates were selected as **FINALISTS** to participate with various focus groups and interviews with the board of education:

**Jeff Gephart**  
**Heather Gutierrez**  
**John Sandoval**

On April 27, the finalists will have an opportunity to participate in a Staff/Admin Focus Group Interview in Traylor Gym at 4:30 PM and in a Community Forum in Traylor Gym @ 6:00 PM. On April 28th, the finalist will engage in a Student Focus Group Interview in the CHS Media Center at 1:00 PM. At 5:30 PM on April 28<sup>th</sup> the board will have finalist interviews in a closed session to determine who will lead the District, beginning no later than July 1, 2026.

**Congratulations to the finalists selected!**