

Carver superintendent forum moved up

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

In an apparent response to requests by the public to push back the application date for superintendent candidates, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education has moved up the date of a public forum at Carver High School.

The board is holding a series of forums at sites around the county to allow residents to take part in the search process for the next superintendent. Current Super Don Martin is slated to retire in June. The fact that the Carver forum, the last in the series, was originally slated for Jan. 8, a week after the Jan. 3 application deadline for prospective superintendent candidates, did not sit well with many. The Board had been urged to push back the application deadline until at least all the forums had been conducted.

The Carver forum will now be held on Thursday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. A forum is also slated for this evening (Thursday, Dec. 13) at 6 p.m. at East Forsyth High School.

In addition to the forums, the school board is using surveys and organizational statements to gather public input.



A link to the online survey can found at wsfcs.k12.nc.us/suptsurvey. Paper copies can be requested by calling 336-727-2696.

Owen

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vented.

In 2001, Dr. Owen established Kybele, who was the goddess of childbirth in ancient Anatolia (now modern-day Turkey).

Owen was a Fulbright Scholar in Turkey (1997-1999) and helped establish an obstetrical anesthesia

service at Uludag University. In September 2004, Owen returned to Turkey with a delegation of eight obstetric anesthesiologists from prestigious universities throughout the US and United Kingdom to teach regional anesthesia for childbirth. She also co-authored the first textbook of obstetric anesthesia, which was published in Turkey in 2004.

Kybele brings American,

Canadian, Australian and European healthcare professionals together to work in teams that travel to host countries. Since 2004, Dr. Owen and her Kybele team members have conducted medical training in Turkey, Croatia, Ghana, Georgia, Armenia, Romania, Egypt, Mongolia and Brazil; sponsored 16 major in-country medical conferences; and trained hundreds of doctors and nurses.

Clinic

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We have received feedback from the community through various means, which has let us know that the materials help community members learn more about their health and how to live healthy lifestyles, how to make positive changes in their health behaviors, and how to discuss health disparities in our communities.

Our community partners have been essential in making The People's Clinic successful. Without their support and guidance, we would not have been able to contin-

ue the articles. Newspapers across the state have donated space in-kind to the articles because they believe in helping to educate their readers about health issues that affect the African American community. Some newspapers have even given our article space on their websites and blogs!

In addition to the health education information, we want to help our partners and the community address health disparities and improve health outcomes in any way that we can. Do you have an idea for a way in which we can partner with your community?

Do you have an article topic that you'd like to see? Feel free to give us a call on our toll-free number: 1-877-530-1824, or contact the Winston-Salem Chronicle to suggest a topic. We will make every attempt to work with your community and write that article for you!

The Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity is committed to keeping this program and the articles going. We believe that health education is the first step in helping people lead healthy and happy lives, and we look forward to continuing to provide this service to our communities across the state. Thank you for your

readership and continued support!

Do you need further information or have questions or comments about this article? Please call toll-free 1-877-530-1824. Or, for more information about the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity please visit our website: <http://www.wakehealth.edu/MACHE>.

Flu

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Overall, 20 percent of the students reported they had been vaccinated during a year in which significant media attention focused on both seasonal and H1N1 flu. The seasonal vaccine coverage varied across the eight universities from 14 percent to 30 percent, which was considerably less than half of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services'

2020 Healthy People goal of 80 percent coverage for healthy persons 18 to 64 years of age.

In addition, the researchers found that students more often reported receiving the vaccine from a private physician or clinic rather than from student health services, even though it was available free of charge.

Poehling said that the findings of this study, as

well as results of previous studies, suggest that a multifaceted approach is needed to target students who live both on and off campus. University administrators will need to use a variety of communication approaches and be creative in their outreach efforts to encourage more students to get the annual flu vaccine, she said.



Poehling

Make Your Voice Heard!

The superintendent of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools — Dr. Donald Martin — will retire in June 2013. Choosing the best candidate possible will greatly impact on our collective ability to continue to improve public education in our community. You can help make a difference by making your voice heard!


There are two upcoming public forums, hosted by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board, to hear from the community on what qualities the next school superintendent should have. The forums will take place as follows:

- Thursday, Dec. 13, in the auditorium at East Forsyth High School (2500 W. Mountain Street, Kernersville, NC, 27284)
- Thursday, Dec. 20, in the auditorium at Carver High School (3545 Carver School Road, Winston-Salem, NC, 27105)

Each forum will begin at 6 p.m. and start with a brief explanation of the hiring process. Attendees will have an opportunity to offer their opinions. Spanish-language interpreters will be present. The forums will be filmed and available for viewing on the school system's website: wsfcs.k12.nc.us For those unable to attend, surveys will be available beginning Nov. 29 to give board members feedback. The surveys will be available on the school system's website and in paper form, and both English and Spanish copies will be available.

Please plan to attend a forum. If you are unable to attend, please visit the school system's website and take the survey. If you would like a hard copy, please call United Way at 723-3601, and one will be mailed to you with a postage-paid return envelope.

Together, we can make a difference in the quality of public education in our community! Make your voice heard!



Donna Dye Robinson
Consultant

"My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge."
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