

Head of School Search

Seacrest Country Day School
Jacksonville, FL

As a member of the Board of Trustees of The Seacrest Country Day School in Naples, I engaged Ted Lingenheld of School Strategies and Solutions to do the search for the replacement of long-time and successful head. His work was excellent. He vetted candidates thoroughly, presented credentials in an easily understood manner, and kept us on task during the entire process. I was especially impressed with his ability to unearth both traditional and non-traditional candidates, and his candid assessments were absolutely essential as we narrowed our list to three legitimate finalists.

In the end, we chose someone who was interested in making a complete change from a boarding school environment to a day school. As it has turned out, the selection was the right one, and Seacrest's new head of school has enjoyed great success. All of this is simply to say that Ted and his colleagues did exactly what we asked of them. It was a good match, and we were very pleased.

Bob Hallett joined the group after our search at Seacrest CDS. The contacts that Bob has made down through the years as a former head of school and as Executive Director of the Ford Foundation will be a huge asset in building a strong pool of candidates for the firm's search clients. He knows the business, and he knows the people in the business.

Bottom line: I recommend School Strategies and Solutions without reservation. They will get the job done ... and done well!

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