



**DATE:** January 30, 2026  
**TO:** Río Hondo College Campus Community  
**FROM:** Rosaelva Lomeli, President, Board of Trustees, Río Hondo College  
**RE:** **PROGRESS REPORT #4: SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT SEARCH UPDATE**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to provide important updates regarding the search process to identify the next Superintendent/President for the Río Hondo Community College District.

The Board would like to inform you that the Superintendent/President search process is underway with an expected start date for the next Superintendent/President on or about July 1, 2026. In the coming weeks, the Presidential Search Committee will convene to select the confidential semifinalist candidates and engage in first-round confidential interviews.

We anticipate the final candidates visiting Río Hondo College during the week of **April 6, 2026**, to participate in public forums. All employees, students, and community members will be invited to attend. Specific forum dates, locations and/or virtual access information will be released once finalized. Your participation and input from the finalist forums are important. All forum participants will have the opportunity to provide feedback through an online survey. This feedback will be reviewed by the District Board of Trustees as part of the deliberation process.

We are also informing you that Dr. Cecilia Cervantes is no longer serving as our Search Consultant. Due to health issues, she stepped down. The Board and ACCT have identified our new Search Consultant: Dr. Debbie DiThomas, [Debbie DiThomas, Ed.D. – ACCT Searches](#).

We appreciate your interest and support in our search for Río Hondo College's Superintendent/President and will continue to keep you updated on the Presidential Search webpage regarding this important process. <https://www.riohondo.edu/presidential-search/>

Again, we want to thank the members of the Superintendent/President Search Committee for their thoughtful work, collaboration, and dedication.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our ACCT Search Consultant, Dr. Debbie DiThomas, Ed.D., ACCT Search Consultant, at [ddithomas5@gmail.com](mailto:ddithomas5@gmail.com) or (951) 961-6533.