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Omaha Public Schools will hold two more principal interviews next week, part of the process to select new principals for Howard Kennedy and Boyd Elementary Schools.

As OPS replaces a slew of retiring principals, the district has been hosting public interviews for the job finalists at each school. The candidates give a brief presentation on their background and experiences and answer pre-screened questions on topics such as discipline, student achievement and working with teachers.

The Boyd interview will begin at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the school. Kennedy's will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Kennedy.

Boyd's current principal, Elaine Adams, is retiring, as is Kennedy Principal Phyllis Brooks.

The new principal at Kennedy will be tasked with laying the groundwork for a school-neighborhood revitalization called the 75 North project. New housing and social services coming to the Highlander neighborhood in north Omaha will tie in to school improvements for Kennedy, one of the district's highest-poverty schools. The school day and year will be lengthened, and a new curriculum is expected to focus on science, technology, engineering, art and math — advocates call this STEAM — and project-based learning.

To submit questions for the Boyd or Kennedy interviews, send them to OPS spokesman Todd Andrews by Tuesday. Questions can be submitted via email to todd.andrews@ops.org or by calling 402-557-2070.

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