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## **Grundmeyer Leader Services, Ray and Associates Collaborate to Lead Principal Search for Perry Schools**

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In the wake of the recent tragedy at Perry High School, [Grundmeyer Leader Services](#) and [Ray and Associates, Inc.](#) have announced a collaboration to lead the search for a new principal for both Perry High School and Perry Elementary School.

This partnership marks the first time these two renowned Iowa search firms have joined forces to address a critical need within the community.

The entire cost of the principal searches will be donated, reflecting the commitment of both firms to support the Perry Community School District during this challenging time. Plans for the searches were outlined by the Perry School Board and Superintendent Clark Wicks, with further details to be released soon.

Trent Grundmeyer, representing Grundmeyer Leader Services, and Molly Schwarzhoff, from Ray and Associates, Inc., expressed their shared dedication to serving the local schools and ensuring the best possible candidates are identified for the principal positions.

“One small way we believe we can assist the school district is by recruiting and helping to hire the principal positions,” said Grundmeyer and Schwarzhoff in a joint statement. “Our first-time collaboration between two Iowa search firms demonstrates our commitment to serving our local schools, and we are dedicated to providing the best possible candidates for the principal positions at Perry Schools. We understand the importance of strong leadership in times of adversity, and we are eager to support the district through this process.”

Both the high school and elementary school principal searches are expected to be posted in the near future, with hiring anticipated in mid-late March. Community members throughout Perry will be invited to provide feedback on desired qualifications for the positions and to serve on interview teams.

Grundmeyer Leader Services is a leading provider of educational leadership search services, committed to supporting schools in identifying exceptional leaders who will drive positive change and foster academic success. The firm specializes in providing unique marketing strategies and partnerships to reach the most diverse potential pool of candidates. To learn more about GLS, visit <https://www.grundmeyerleadersearch.com>.

Ray and Associates, Inc. is a professional organization specializing in school executive leadership searches since 1975. The firm is renowned for recruiting exceptional candidates that align with the expectations of both the board and the community, with unique success in recruiting women, minorities, and non-traditional candidates for school districts. To learn more about the firm, visit <https://rayassoc.com>.

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