

## SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Shrewsbury Board of Selectmen 100 Maple Avenue Shrewsbury, MA 01545

Dear Shrewsbury Board of Selectmen,

The School Department and School Committee has a longstanding history of collaboration and respectful interaction with Mr. Morgado. We feel that a strong working relationship between the new Town Manager and Dr. Sawyer, in his role as Superintendent of Schools, is crucial to the ongoing success of our public school system.

The school committee believes the next Town Manager will need to have strong interpersonal skills, and be collaborative and innovative. He or she should have experience with long term planning and fiscal projections. In light of the ongoing issues faced by most school districts in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the next Town Manager should have experience and understand the financial challenges faced by public schools due to increased demand for services, cost drivers such as Special Education, and state and federal mandates. The next Town Manager should have established skills and experience dealing with the complexities of school budgets and public education.

If the Board of Selectman determines that a search committee is needed to assist with the hiring process for the new Town Manager, we respectfully request that Dr. Sawyer be included in that group. Dr. Sawyer's input would be extremely valuable to the process.

We wish you the best of luck as you begin the process of hiring a new Town Manager. We are confident that you will choose an individual who will be an excellent fit for the role, our community and our schools.

Best Regards,

Sandra Fryc Chairperson, Shrewsbury School Committee