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SEEKING NEW PRINCIPAL — The search is on for the next principal of the Columbus School, School Committee vice chairman Robert Emmett Skerry Jr. said. Jean Barry Sutherland, the elementary school's principal, is retiring in June. About 18 people, including Medford residents and Medford teachers, have applied for the job. A committee of parents and educators are reviewing applications now. The School Committee will meet the finalists this spring, Skerry said. Sutherland is one of about 35 school employees who will retire at the end of this school year.

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