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NORWIN HIRES NEW SUPERINTENDENT Dr. Jeffrey M. Taylor Begins July 1st

NORTH HUNTINGDON, Pa. — Members of the Norwin Board of Education have selected a successor for outgoing Superintendent Dr. William Kerr. Dr. Jeffrey M. Taylor will lead the district as its next superintendent of schools beginning July 1, 2019.

Dr. Taylor has twenty-five (25) years of educational experience and has spent the past seventeen years in administrative capacities. He is currently the Assistant Superintendent of the North Hills School District, a role he has held since 2012. He looks forward to contributing to the Norwin School District's Mission Statement of "Preparing students to become productive and responsible citizens in an ever-changing global society."

"I am both honored and humbled to have the opportunity to serve the Norwin community as its Superintendent of Schools," Dr. Taylor said. "I am looking forward to building partnerships and collaborating with our many stakeholders."

Mrs. Barbara Viola, Board President, said "the Norwin Board of Education appreciated the time and effort of all the candidates who applied for this position."

Mrs. Viola also said "Dr. Jeffrey Taylor comes to us with solid experience and much enthusiasm. There is no doubt he will continue to move Norwin forward from Great to Extraordinary."

Capitalizing on his successful seventeen (17) years of administrative experience, Dr. Taylor will seek this professional opportunity to leverage his skills and experience to provide exceptional collaboration and team-building while utilizing his extensive background in K-12 curriculum, instruction, assessment, online learning programs, school finance, human resources, and overall school operations.

Dr. Taylor has a wide range of administrative and teaching experiences, including serving as Director of Curriculum, Assessment & Technology, a position he held at North Hills School District prior to becoming Assistant Superintendent. At Charleroi Area School District, he served as both High School Principal & Secondary Curriculum Coordinator, as well as Assistant High School Principal. At Baldwin-Whitehall School District, Dr. Taylor served as Attendance Officer/Disciplinarian, and also as a Teacher/Technology Mentor. He began his teaching career at Fort Cherry Jr./Sr. High School, serving as a Teacher/Network Administrator.

Dr. Taylor is also active in the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (PASCD), including serving as President of the organization from 2016 to 2018.

Additionally, he has received numerous special honors and recognitions including, but not limited to:

- Finalist for the Teacher Excellence Foundation Award in recognition of exemplary teaching practices.
- The Robert E. Flynn Distinguished Educator Award.
- Online Program Innovation Award for creating the Online Academy at North Hills, which is comprised of a K-12 virtual school, an online alternative education program, and a summer credit recovery and enrichment program.
- Outstanding Supervision and Curriculum Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development.
- Blackboard Catalyst Award, Outstanding Online Course Developer.
- Outstanding Contribution to Online Learning Award, Blendedschools.net.
- PASCD Supervision and Curriculum Award.

Dr. Taylor earned a Doctorate of Education from the University of Pittsburgh, and his Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from California University of Pennsylvania. He has earned two Master's Degrees from Duquesne University — one in multimedia technology and another in school administration. Dr. Taylor earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Edinboro University.

Dr. William Kerr, Norwin School District's Superintendent of Schools since 2010, is retiring at the end of the business day on June 28, 2019, concluding a 42.3-year career in public education and 25 years as a Superintendent of Schools, which includes one-year as an Interim Superintendent.

Dr. Kerr and Dr. Taylor will work together with the Norwin Administrative Team to ensure a smooth transition during the next several months.

Dr. Taylor and his wife, Cyndi, reside in Ross Township. They have one elementary aged daughter.

Norwin School District educates approximately 5,300 students in Grades K-12 at seven Norwin school buildings.

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