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Good afternoon Neshaminy families, staff and community!

For the past year, I have been serving as Substitute Superintendent and more recently as Acting Superintendent of Neshaminy School District. I have been deeply honored that the Neshaminy School Board has placed its trust and confidence in me. Recently, at its March 5th meeting, the School Board approved a five-year contract for me to serve as the Superintendent of Neshaminy School District effective July 1, 2024. I am excited to accept this position and the opportunity to lead the district that I have called home for my entire life.

I would like to take this opportunity to re-introduce myself to the Neshaminy community and to share a few of the important initiatives and projects underway at the district level that we will be focusing on during the upcoming months and years.

My wife and I are both proud 1991 Neshaminy High School graduates. We have two grown sons who we raised in this community and who also graduated from Neshaminy High School.

I started my professional career as a mechanical engineer after earning my undergraduate engineering degree at Widener University. I have 15+ years experience as an engineer. Education, however, runs deep in my family and so I returned to Widener to earn my Masters Degree in Education. For 11 years prior to coming to Neshaminy, I taught engineering and technology courses, served as the Engineering Curriculum Coordinator, STEM Curriculum Supervisor and later Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction in the Bensalem Township School District. I also taught physics in the Bristol Borough School District. I earned my Principal Certification from the University of Scranton and my Superintendent Letter of Eligibility from PennWest California (formerly California University of Pennsylvania).

In July, 2021 I joined Neshaminy School District as the Director of Secondary Education. Since then, I have been blessed to work with a truly exceptional team of administrators, educators and support staff, all of whom strive every day to provide our students the skills and resources needed to thrive academically, socially and emotionally in a world of rapidly increasing challenges and change.

Going forward, I will be working with this team on a number of relatively new initiatives, including:

• Multi Tier System of Supports (MTSS), an instructional framework that provides targeted interventions to meet students at their individual learning levels;

- New English Language Arts programming, grades K-8, implementing a new updated program;
- Math pilot program in grades 6-8 to be fully implemented starting the 2024-2025 school year; and
- Full implementation of Next Generation Science and Pennsylvania STEELS (Science, Technology & Engineering, Environmental Literacy & Sustainability) standards over the next few school years.

Additionally, I intend to place great focus and priority on:

- Ensuring, at all times, the safety and security of our students and staff;
- Modernizing our technology programs at all grade levels to provide students with additional 21st century skills;
- Increasing course offerings and opportunities at the middle and high school levels;
- Exploration of modifying class scheduling at Neshaminy High School;
- Completing our Comprehensive Strategic Plan for 2025-2029 with involvement from stakeholders throughout our community;
- Remaining current with our instructional technology tools and resources; and
- Attracting and retaining high-quality staff members.

While this is by no means a complete list of all initiatives and goals, I hope it reflects the level of importance I place on having a curriculum that remains relevant to the modern world and a system which provides strong support for our students.

The reputation Neshaminy School District has earned over the decades and enjoys currently is based upon what we do each and every day for our students. We have a great team and are fortunate to enjoy a high level of support throughout the greater school community. For this I am grateful, and as Superintendent, I intend to do everything in my power to continue to earn this support.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, suggestions, or just want to say hello. I am excited to embark on this journey with you.

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