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Board of Education Statement about Superintendent Search

The Board of Education congratulates Dr. Joseph Meloche on his upcoming retirement on June 30, 2023. During the eight years that Dr. Meloche has led Cherry Hill Public Schools there have been both challenges and changes. Dr. Meloche leaves our District with several notable successes: significant increase in fair funding from the state of New Jersey, full-day kindergarten, a focus on inclusivity and diversity in our schools, and a successful bond referendum that was more than 20 years in the making. We thank him for his years of dedicated service to the Cherry Hill community.

Last evening the Board of Education had our first public discussion about the search for our next superintendent. We have decided to immediately begin a local search for an interim superintendent, with the intention and expectation of hiring an interim superintendent before Dr. Meloche's retirement in order to promote a smooth transition.

The Board of Education is committed to conducting a thoughtful and thorough search for a permanent superintendent. The Board of Education president and vice president have initiated the hiring of a professional search firm to lead us through a national search for our new permanent superintendent. The full Board of Education, community stakeholders, administrators, staff, and students will all be invited to participate and provide input throughout the search process.

While the Board of Education leads this process, we are grateful to have dedicated teams in place who will ensure the continuation of Cherry Hill Public Schools' daily operations of educating our students, managing the bond referendum projects, and implementing the first phase of preschool expansion. The Board of Education is excited to oversee our district as we embrace a bright future.

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President, Cherry Hill Board of Education

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