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RTMSD Board of School Directors Names Next District Superintendent

MEDIA, PA — At its March 23 Legislative Meeting, the Rose Tree Media Board of School Directors will vote on the appointment of Dr. Joseph N. Meloche [Meh-LAW-SH] as the school district's next superintendent.

Dr. Meloche possesses 30 years of experience as an educator, administrator, and superintendent. In 2021, he was named New Jersey's Superintendent of the Year, and was also selected as New Jersey State Parent Teacher Association Superintendent of the Year in 2018.

Dr. Meloche has been featured in *Education Week* as a "Leader to Learn From," and also appeared on the cover of a special edition of the publication.

"The Board of School Directors was impressed with Dr. Meloche's wealth of knowledge in all areas of school district leadership," said Theresa Napson-Williams, Board President. "He has a proven track record as a thoughtful and innovative leader who will seek continual improvement for our district while being mindful of children first, always."

In October 2022, the board hired consultant Judith Wilson to conduct the search. The board was committed to a transparent process that prioritized community feedback. Wilson provided surveys to the district's faculty, parents, and community to get their thoughts on the qualities they were looking for in the next superintendent.

There were also in-person and virtual public forums in January, enabling the board to gather input on the priorities of district residents. After the board conducted extensive interviews, Dr. Meloche emerged as the unanimous choice.

"I am thrilled to join the dedicated faculty and staff of the Rose Tree Media School District," said Dr. Meloche. "There has been such a discernible sense of pride throughout this process, reflecting the heart of the educational community. I am excited to begin meeting students, families, staff members, and community members as we embark on this journey together."

Dr. Meloche has served as superintendent of Cherry Hill Public Schools in New Jersey since August 2015. He earned a bachelor's degree at DeSales University, master's degrees from Holy Family University and Widener University, and his doctorate in education from Widener University.

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