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MAHWAH, NJ - The Township of Mahwah Board of Education announced on March 17, 2021, the appointment of Dr. Michael DeTuro as the district's new Superintendent of Schools.

The selection is the result of an extensive nationwide search that produced twenty-four highly qualified applicants from diverse geographic and professional backgrounds. In the end, Dr. DeTuro proved himself the best fit to carry forward the district's vision. His track record of driving academic excellence in Mahwah over the past ten years, along with his passion for working collaboratively with students, staff, and families of our community, demonstrates his capability to succeed in this new role. His current leadership in managing the school district's strategic plan will continue through his role as Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. DeTuro completed the doctoral program in School Administration at Seton Hall University after earning his MA in ED Administration/Supervision with Distinction at Rider University and his BA in Child and Family Studies from Albright College. He currently serves as the district's Director of Curriculum and Instruction after serving as principal of Joyce Kilmer School for seven years.

"The Board of Education is excited that Dr. DeTuro will be the new leader of the Mahwah school district. He has been instrumental in strengthening the district's mission of providing all students with the opportunity for success and has more recently played a key role in navigating us through the pandemic," Board President, Benjamin Kezmarsky, said.

"I am honored to be selected as the next Superintendent of Schools for our school district," said Dr. DeTuro. "Over the course of the last 10 years, I have had the fortunate opportunity to develop strong relationships with the students, staff, and members of the Mahwah community. I look forward to continuing to build these relationships, while also forging ahead in building new relationships - all needed to move this incredible district forward. Mahwah is blessed with an extremely talented staff and administration, and strong partnership with the community, and I feel blessed to be a part of it. These elements will be crucial in crystalizing the goals set forth in the district's strategic plan. In turn, I am excited to help steer this work, along with our team, in working to continue to provide our students with the highest educational experience they deserve."

"The board greatly appreciates the input provided by parents, students, teachers, staff, and local residents in helping identify the qualities they wanted in a new superintendent," added Kezmarsky. "By participating in the surveys conducted by the superintendent search firm, our community gave us the roadmap we needed to follow as we reviewed applications and interviewed candidates for the position."

Dr. DeTuro will be replacing Interim Superintendent Dr. Leonard Fitts on July 1, 2021.