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Pittsburgh Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Anthony Hamlet Submits Resignation to Pittsburgh Board of Public Education

Interim Superintendent To Be Named September 29 Search Process to Commence With Incoming Board in December

PITTSBURGH, September 8, 2021 – Today, the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education received Dr. Anthony Hamlet’s resignation notice as Superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools, effective Friday, October 1, 2021. (See attached.)

The Board and Dr. Hamlet concur that this action is in the collective best interest of the District, its students and the community. To that end, the Board is expected to accept Dr. Hamlet’s resignation at a special legislative meeting slated for Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

“Members of the Board reviewed the Pennsylvania Ethics Commission Report with diligence, discussed its findings in detail, assessed the overall situation, and remain steadfast in the belief that this outcome is unfortunate, but necessary,” said Sylvia Wilson, Board President. “Most importantly, this course of action creates an opportunity to remain focused on providing quality education for District students while eliminating unrelated distractions. We look forward to moving ahead, and keeping our students safe and engaged in their learning. The Board would like to thank Dr. Hamlet for his five-plus years of service and wish him well.”

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The terms of Dr. Hamlet's contract are in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code which limits severance to no more than one year of salary and benefits if the contract had two or more years remaining – whether there is a mutual agreement for a resignation or whether he is terminated at will. Thus, Dr. Hamlet will receive one year's salary, plus the actual value of his benefits. This amounts to \$399,687.

As part of the transition process, the Board will appoint an Interim Superintendent with internal candidates being considered for the post. The Board plans to name the interim leader on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. Beginning in December, the incoming School Board will direct the national search for a new Superintendent. As the District moves forward, the Board intends to assess and continue to address any additional internal controls referenced in the Report.

About Pittsburgh Public Schools

The Pittsburgh Public School District is the largest of 43 school districts in Allegheny County and second largest in Pennsylvania. The District serves approximately 21,000 students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. The Pittsburgh Public Schools offers students a variety of options and opportunities that will help them succeed in school and prepare them for whatever comes next in college, career and life. Visit <https://www.pghschools.org/>

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Ms. Sylvia Wilson
Board President
The Pittsburgh Board of Public Education

Dear President Wilson and Board of Directors,

The great privilege of my career has been to ignite and to lead Pittsburgh Public Schools on a transformative journey towards insuring education equity for all students. It has also been an honor to work along with the Board of Directors, my passionate Administration, employees, students, and our parents, all of whom are committed to providing the very best educational opportunities to the students of this District.

President Wilson and Board of Directors, it has been an honor to work under your leadership during my tenure as Superintendent. We have positioned this District to take great steps forward in our time together. Our collaboration and partnership have added tremendous value to my professional growth. Thank you for your support and direction as I am proud to have accomplished so much for our students with all of you.

For the past five years, it has been my distinct honor and pleasure to serve in Pittsburgh as your Superintendent. After much thought and consideration and because, in light of current circumstances, I think it is presently the best thing for our students and families, I believe that now is the time for my tenure to come to an end and to embark upon a new chapter of my professional life. Consistent with our mutual agreement, I will be leaving my role as Superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools, effective October 1, 2021.

During the next month, I pledge to you my support and cooperation in effectuating a smooth transition.

Respectfully,

Anthony D Hamlet

Dr. Anthony Hamlet
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