

School District of Borough of Morrisville

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Update from the School District of Borough of Morrisville Board of School Directors Regarding the Superintendent of Schools

To participate in Superintendent Search Feedback Survey, <u>click here</u>.

All Morrisville Borough community members, students, and district employees

<u>are encouraged to provide feedback.</u>

The School District of Borough of Morrisville Board of School Directors is pleased to provide the community with a status report and community survey regarding the recent announcement concerning the District's Superintendent of Schools.

On November 22, 2023, after 19 years of service to the School District of Borough of Morrisville, Sean Haines announced his resignation as Superintendent, effective February 19, 2024. Mr. Haines began his career teaching in Morrisville in 2004, and over the years held a number of positions in the district including serving as Dean of Students, middle and high school principal, and most recently serving as Superintendent since 2021. The Board is appreciative of Mr. Haines' many years of dedicated service to the School District of Borough of Morrisville, and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

Last month, the Board hired Dr. David Bolton to serve as Acting Superintendent beginning January 29, 2024, until a new Superintendent is in place. Previously, Dr. Bolton was the Superintendent of Pennridge School District for five years, and a long-time Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Central Bucks School District. Mr. Haines and Dr. Bolton will have a few weeks to work together to ensure a smooth transition of duties.

In order to begin the search process for a new Superintendent, the Board has reached out to the Bucks County Intermediate Unit (Bucks IU), our county's regional educational service agency, to assist the Board with the search for a new Superintendent. The Bucks IU has assisted in many successful Superintendent searches for area school districts, and since Morrisville is a Bucks County School district located in the service area of the Bucks IU, there is no fee for this service. It is understood that the Bucks IU will be reimbursed by the School District of Borough of Morrisville for any out-of-pocket advertising costs for the position posting. The Board approved

an agreement with the Bucks IU to facilitate the search process at the January 17, 2024, meeting of the Board.

As a part of the search process, the Board is soliciting feedback from the staff, students, and the community using a survey tool to gather information on the traits, characteristics, and priorities stakeholders are seeking in their next Superintendent. The survey is now open and will remain open for feedback through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024. The survey is available at this link and takes about five minutes to complete. All Morrisville Borough community members, students, and district employees are encouraged to provide feedback. The survey data will be used by the Board to help create interview questions and to aid in identifying candidates that meet identified qualifications. A summary of aggregate data will be shared with the community at the conclusion of the survey and is expected to be released the week of February 12th.

The Morrisville Board of School Directors will continue to provide periodic updates to the Morrisville community on the search process. The Board has an expected timeline to select a new Superintendent in early spring.

Thank you,

The School District of Borough of Morrisville School Board of Directors