

Chester Board of Education Announces Dr. William Kochis as New Superintendent

Chester, NJ – March 5, 2025 – The Chester Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. William Kochis as the new Superintendent of the Chester School District.

Dr. William Kochis brings over fifteen (15) years of educational experience, both in the classroom and in leadership positions, to his role as Superintendent of the Chester School District. He holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Centenary University, two Master's degrees in Educational Leadership and Teaching from Montclair State University, and a Bachelor's degree from Drew University. He has also received significant recognition for his educational leadership, including being named the 2023-2024 Sussex County Superintendent of the Year.

Beginning his career as an elementary school teacher, Dr. Kochis developed a deep appreciation for student-centered learning. His passion for educational leadership led him to serve as a principal in the West Orange and Sussex-Wantage School Districts, where he focused on increasing student engagement and creating a positive school culture. He then spent the last six (6) years as Superintendent of Stillwater Township School District, with three of those years also serving as the shared Superintendent for Sandyston-Walpack Consolidated School District.

Throughout his tenure as Superintendent, Dr. Kochis has demonstrated his ability to lead with vision and strategy, emphasizing strong, effective communication with Board of Education members and fostering collaboration with the community, staff, and students to enhance student achievement. He has implemented innovative programming, promoted the use of educational technology, strengthened safety and security measures, and led efforts to develop mental health programs that support students' social-emotional well-being.

Outside of his professional commitments, Dr. Kochis enjoys spending quality time with his wife and ten-year-old son. He is also deeply involved in his community, dedicating his time to coaching youth basketball and lacrosse, where he fosters teamwork and sportsmanship. Above all, he is passionate about creating a welcoming, supportive environment where every student feels valued and empowered to succeed. Dr. Kochis looks forward to working closely with families, staff, and the community to ensure that Chester students continue to thrive.

