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Following a comprehensive nationwide search process, led by the search firm Hazard Young Atea Associates (HYA), the Cherry Hill Public School District's Board of Education is pleased to announce Dr. Kwame Morton as the final candidate to serve as the next Superintendent of Schools. This step is the result of a search which began in June 2023 and included vast stakeholder input in the form of surveys and focus groups, the Board's review of applicants from 11 states, and the Board's interviews with several highly qualified candidates.

At its meeting on March 12, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Lewis Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace, it is anticipated that the Board of Education will vote on a resolution to submit Dr. Morton's employment contract for approval by the Executive County Superintendent for Camden County. This approval is required by law before the Board can act to formally appoint Dr. Morton as Superintendent.

Leading up to his role as Acting Superintendent during the 2023-2024 school year, Dr. Morton's 16 years serving the district as an administrator began in 2008 with his position as Principal of Joyce Kilmer Elementary School. He moved on to the position of Principal of Cherry Hill High School West in September 2013 and then to Assistant Superintendent, PreK-12 and Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Morton was named 2021 NJ Visionary Principal of the Year/National Association of Secondary School Principals' NJ State Principal of the Year for his work as

principal of Cherry Hill High School West.

Prior to his time in Cherry Hill, while serving as the Principal of Frederick Douglass Elementary School (Philadelphia, Pa), Dr. Morton obtained a National Turnaround Specialist Credential. He also served as an Assistant Principal at Thomas Fitzsimmons High School while in the School District of Philadelphia. Dr. Morton began his career in the New York City Department of Education where he spent approximately 10 years serving as a teacher and school administrator. Dr. Morton has a Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership from NorthCentral University, a Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership from The College of Saint Rose, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Clarion University of PA.

While at Clarion University, Dr. Morton participated as a standout member of the men's basketball team. He was named the Basketball Times 1994 NCAA Division II Player of the Year, and he still holds several school records. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi social fraternity. He and his wife April are the proud parents of 10 children and one grandchild.

As Superintendent, Dr. Morton will lead our diverse district's academic excellence in an atmosphere where all students feel valued and are inspired to apply their knowledge and skills to make the world a better place.

The Cherry Hill Board of Education thanks the community stakeholders who offered their valuable input during the superintendent search process.

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