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Dear High School West Educational Community,

The interview process to find the new principal for HS West has been completed and I am thrilled to announce that Dr. John Burns will appear on the Board of Education's agenda on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, for appointment to the position.

We had an excellent response to the job posting in terms of the number of qualified candidates who applied. After a multi-step interview process, including final round interviews with two candidates, Dr. Burns was clearly identified as the candidate to be submitted to the Board for approval as the next Principal at HS West.

Dr. Burns is currently an assistant principal at HS West, a position that he has held since 2017. A HS West graduate, he has served the Cherry Hill community in a number of roles since being hired as a Biology teacher at HS East for the 2000-2001 academic year. In his 23 years as a district employee, he has taught at HS East, served as the supervisor of high school science for the district, served as an assistant principal at East and as an assistant principal at West.

Dr. Burns has previously served as an adjunct professor at Rowan University. His bachelor's degree is from University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, he has a doctorate in Biology for Notre Dame, and a master's degree in school administration from Rowan University. A regular attendee at school functions and events, Dr. Burns brings a tremendous academic foundation and an experiential foundation to this position as a child centered and results oriented educator.

On Tuesday, May 9, 2023, the Board of Education will act upon my recommendation to appoint Dr. John Burns as the Principal of HS West effective July 1, 2023.

Dr. Burns is very excited about serving our community in this role and the staff is excited for him to begin.

I know you will join me in welcoming Dr. Burns into this new role in the HS West Community.

Regards,

Joseph N. Meloche, Ed.D.
Superintendent