



Harford County Public Schools

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Harford County Public Schools appoints director of community engagement, equity, and cultural proficiency

Dr. Jonathan D. Brown, a 20-year veteran of education, has been named to be the new director of community engagement, equity, and cultural proficiency for Harford County Public Schools (HCPS). Dr. Brown was appointed by the Board of Education of Harford County at its public business meeting on July 12th.

Dr. Brown, former director of instruction at the Maryland Department of Education (MSDE), began his career teaching elementary school in Quebec Heights, Ohio. He served as an elementary principal and a curriculum coordinator before being named associate superintendent of curriculum and instruction for Dayton Public Schools in Ohio.

In 2008, he relocated to Baltimore County where he served as associate superintendent of curriculum and instruction for Baltimore County Public Schools. In August, he was selected as director of instruction for MSDE, an assignment he left to accept this leadership position with HCPS. Dr. Brown will be responsible for developing, maintaining and enhancing the outreach and partnership efforts of HCPS with the broader school system community both in Harford County and the state of Maryland. In addition, Dr. Brown also serves as an adjunct professor at Morgan State University.

“Dr. Brown has a strong commitment to students and staff and brings with him rich experience in the field of education,” said Harford Superintendent Robert M. Tomback, who recommended his hiring to the Board. “He will be a tremendous asset to our leadership team, and we are thrilled to have him join us.”

As director of community engagement, equity, and cultural proficiency, Dr. Brown will assist schools in planning multicultural programs for students and serve as the liaison with local, state and national organizations, as well as the superintendent’s liaison with students, the community and other groups on equity and cultural proficiency issues. In addition, he will coordinate the compliance with federal, state and local mandates related to the Education That Is Multicultural Bylaw, Office of Civil Rights and Title IX. He will also chair the Superintendent’s Minority Affairs Committee and serve on the MSDE Education That Is Multicultural and Achievement (ETMA) Committee.

Dr. Brown earned his bachelor’s degree from the College of Mt. St. Joseph in 1990 in Elementary Education before receiving his master’s in Education Administration from the University of Cincinnati in 1995. He went on to receive his doctorate degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Cincinnati in 2002.

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