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PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS NAME DR. DIANA MITCHELL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Plainfield, N.J. (July 9, 2019) – The Plainfield Board of Education announced today the appointment of veteran educator and public school administrator, Dr. Diana Mitchell, as Superintendent of Plainfield Public Schools.

“It’s with great pleasure that we welcome Dr. Mitchell to the Plainfield Public School District. The Plainfield Board of Education is excited to have a leader with Dr. Mitchell’s educational proficiency,” said Board President Richard Wyatt. “Dr. Mitchell’s philosophies on quality education and tangible outcomes throughout her years of experience in similar districts are highly impressive. More importantly, she is looking to serve our community for years to come, and that’s the type of stability we need. I am confident Dr. Mitchell will be a great asset to our district, providing clear direction for our administrators and staff on how to improve and deliver a quality education for all of our young scholars.”

Prior to coming to the Plainfield Public School District, Dr. Mitchell served as Superintendent for Dorchester County Public Schools (MD). Dr. Mitchell also served as the assistant superintendent for Instructional Technology with Harrison School District 2 in Colorado Springs (CO). Dr. Mitchell brings more than 28 years of experience proudly serving students and families in public education. She began her career as a business education teacher in Maryland. During her 19-year career with the Prince George’s County Public Schools, she served as a high school teacher, assistant principal, elementary and middle school principal, and area instructional specialist supporting K-12 schools. Dr. Mitchell has a diverse background in teaching and learning, data management, professional development, budgeting, and instructional technology/assessment management.

Dr. Mitchell’s accomplishments in the Dorchester County Public Schools included 91% of Dorchester County Public Schools receiving a three, four, or five-star rating under the new Maryland Report Card Accountability System. She was also responsible for implementing a new management system in the district and collaborating with families and the community to increase the number of underrepresented students in advanced placement programs and more.

Dr. Mitchell earned a bachelor's degree in business education from St. Augustine's University, a master's degree in educational administration from Iowa State University and a doctorate degree in educational leadership with a minor in technology from Bowie State University. Dr. Mitchell holds superintendent certification in the following states: New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Virginia.

"I am truly humbled to serve as your next Superintendent of Schools. To quote fellow educator Rita Pierson, *"Every child deserves a champion, an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be."* Please join me in serving as a champion for at least one child and one school in our District. I look forward to your support and partnership in proudly serving the students and families of Plainfield Public Schools."

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*Dr. Diana Mitchell,
Superintendent of Plainfield Public Schools*

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