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Houston County Board of Education Names Dr. Richard Rogers as Next Superintendent of Schools



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Dr. Richard Rogers was named the next Superintendent of Schools during the Houston County Board of Education meeting on November 12, 2024. Currently, Dr. Rogers serves as the Deputy Superintendent for the Houston County School District. He was named the sole finalist for the Superintendent position in October. Dr. Rogers will begin this role on June 2, 2025, following the retirement of current Superintendent Dr. Mark Scott.

"I am grateful to the Board of Education for their trust and faith in me to continue moving our District forward," said Dr. Rogers. "It is an immense honor to lead and support our teachers, staff, students, and families. I'm committed to building on the outstanding foundation, community partnerships, and the many relationships we already have in place. Our students and staff truly make our District an incredible place to work each day, and I'm excited to see what all we can achieve together."

Dr. Rogers has served as the Deputy Superintendent since 2021. Prior to that, he served as Assistant Superintendent of School

Operations and Director of Personnel. Dr. Rogers has held several teaching and leadership roles since he joined the Houston County School District in 2004. He taught science and language arts at Bert Rumble Middle School and Huntington Middle School. Dr. Rogers was selected as an assistant principal at Quail Run Elementary School before being named principal of Matt Arthur Elementary School in 2012.

"The task of hiring the next Superintendent of Schools was not a responsibility that our Board of Education members took lightly," said Helen Hughes, Chair of the Houston County Board of

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Education. "Dr. Scott leaves a strong legacy of leadership, organizational stewardship, and support of learning in our classrooms. We are confident that Dr. Rogers will continue to lead the District in ways that enhance learning for our students, encourage our teachers, and collaborate with staff to ensure high achievement for all."

Dr. Rogers earned a Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education and a Master of Education in Middle Grades Education from the University of West Georgia. There, he was selected as the Outstanding Master of Education Student in Middle Grades. Later, he received a specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Columbus State University, where he was awarded the Certificate of Academic Honor in Educational Leadership. In 2012, he earned a doctorate in Leadership from Valdosta State University. He and his wife, Alicia, have two girls, Ava and Addyson.

Dr. Mark Scott shared, "Making the decision to retire from a District I have loved working for over the past 17 years was not an easy one. The teachers, staff, and students I have interacted with over the years have left lasting memories that will stay with me for many years to come. Dr. Rogers has been an integral part of helping make our District strong, and I know he will continue to lead the District well. I am so fortunate to have worked alongside him and many other wonderful professionals who are consistently dedicated to doing what's right for our students and their families."

Dr. Scott will continue to serve as Superintendent of Schools through the end of the 2024-2025 school year. To learn more about the Superintendent search process, <u>visit our website</u>.

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