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## **Orange Board of Education Announces the Selection of Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh, II as Superintendent of Schools**

(Orange, NJ) - The Orange Board of Education is pleased to announce that Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh, II has been selected as the new Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2019. Dr. Fitzhugh's selection is the result of a national search conducted with the assistance of the New Jersey School Boards Association that produced over 48 qualified applicants with substantial professional experience. His selection was approved at the May 12 board meeting, as acknowledged by Board of Education President E. Lydell Carter, "On behalf of the Orange Board of Education, it gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh, II as the new Superintendent of the Orange School District. Dr. Fitzhugh joins our school district after 19 years as an accomplished leader in the education sector with exemplary experience in administration, personnel, instruction, professional development, and financial management."

During his tenure as an educator, Dr. Fitzhugh, has excelled in teaching, leading and supervising on the elementary, middle and high school levels and comes to us after serving as Deputy Superintendent of the Newark Public Schools, the largest school district in New Jersey. "I hope you all join me in welcoming our next district administrative and instructional leader who lives by the philosophy that, 'leaders allow for collaboration from staff and community members in order to have a variety of ideas that could strengthen the mission and vision of the school district,' " stated Mr. Carter.

A graduate of Rutgers University, Dr. Fitzhugh, began his teaching career as a fourth and fifth-grade teacher at the Dr. William H. Horton Elementary School in Newark. He earned his Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership and Administration from New Jersey City University in 2004 and in 2005 he became the vice principal at Horton Elementary School. In 2010, he was appointed the principal of the Chancellor Avenue/Annex Elementary School in Newark. In 2012, he joined the Hoboken School District as principal of the Connors Elementary School and soon thereafter in 2016, he became the Assistant Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Fitzhugh returned to the Newark Public Schools in 2018 as Deputy Superintendent. Dr. Fitzhugh recently completed his doctoral studies at Seton Hall University.

Dr. Fitzhugh will replace Interim Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee, who retired from the Orange Public School District in 2016 and served in the capacity of interim superintendent for the past two years.

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