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Mamaroneck Union Free School District Names Dr. Charles B. Sampson as its Next Superintendent

Mamaroneck, NY - June 13, 2023 -- The Mamaroneck Board of Education is pleased to announce the selection of Charles B. Sampson, currently Superintendent of the Freehold Regional High School District in New Jersey, as the next Superintendent of the Mamaroneck Union Free School District. The Board anticipates that Dr. Sampson will begin on November 1, 2023. Dr. Sampson will succeed Dr. Robert Shaps, who will retire from the New York State public education system in December 2023.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Sampson to the Mamaroneck schools. We are confident that his 15 years of experience as a successful Superintendent of two high-performing school districts, together with his prior administrative experiences, makes him the ideal successor to lead our district into its next chapter," said Board of Education President Ariana Cohen.

"Under the leadership of Dr. Shaps, our district has been widely recognized for its hands-on learning opportunities for students. We deeply appreciate his dedication and tireless advocacy of our district," Ms. Cohen continued.

An innovative leader, Dr. Sampson has been recognized for outstanding leadership by several organizations. He began serving as Superintendent of the Freehold District in 2011, and during his tenure, the district was named by Forbes Magazine as one of "America's Best-in-State Employers." The Freehold District serves approximately 10,400 students and 1,300 staff members. Prior to becoming Superintendent, Dr. Sampson served in a variety of administrative capacities, including Supervisor of Social Studies K-12, High School Assistant Principal, and High School Principal.

Dr. Sampson is a forward-thinking educational leader who was selected as one of the 100 Future Ready Superintendents by President Obama and the Department of Educational Technology. He has received numerous recognitions for outstanding leadership. In 2017 he was named Monmouth County Superintendent of the Year and, in 2018, as New Jersey Region II Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Sampson was also presented with a Distinguished Service Award by the New Jersey Association of School Administrators in May 2022 for his contributions to the field of education.

"I am very proud of all that has been accomplished in the Freehold Regional District," said Dr. Sampson. "We expanded access to higher level courses, improved outcomes, and developed and implemented special education programs that were recognized for innovations in special education. We also increased career and technical education opportunities, introducing district pathway programs

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including web design, health professions and cybersecurity, while launching a successful International Baccalaureate program at two high schools.” Dr. Sampson went on to say that he is very excited to be joining the Mamaroneck School District, a district with a proven record of innovation and excellence.”

The selection of Dr. Sampson is the culmination of a nationwide, six-month search led by Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates. The Board conducted multiple in-depth interviews with candidates utilizing the feedback obtained from the community to guide their questions. The Board vetted each candidate’s ability to provide a compelling vision for the future, together with concrete steps to realize this vision.

Dr. Sampson earned a B.A. in History and a B.S. in Administration from Caldwell College and his Ed.D in Educational Leadership from Seton Hall University. Dr. Sampson also serves as an adjunct professor at Montclair State University where he instructs classes on change of leadership, supervision and ethical decision making.

Dr. Sampson and his wife Janet, a high school social studies teacher, are proud parents of four children currently in middle and high school with the oldest heading to college this fall. Dr. Sampson and his wife met when they were both coaching girl’s lacrosse and have continued to coach their children in a variety of sports, serving together as co-program directors of their local youth lacrosse program for the past several years.

Dr. Sampson will be formally introduced at a welcome reception on June 20th following his formal appointment by the Board of Education. We hope you will join us in person in welcoming Dr. Sampson to our schools on June 20th at 8:30pm at MHS, or if not that evening, then in the months ahead.

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