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The East Greenwich School Committee Appoints Dr. Brian G. Ricca as its Next Superintendent

East Greenwich, RI – The East Greenwich School Committee appointed Dr. Brian Ricca as the next Superintendent of East Greenwich Public Schools, effective July 1, 2022. Dr. Ricca will replace the current Superintendent, Alexis Meyer, who is retiring at the end of the school year. His appointment and three-year contract were approved unanimously by the School Committee at a special meeting convened this evening.

The School Committee interviewed candidates with the assistance of a screening committee that was comprised of district and school administrators, faculty, staff and community members. As part of the interview process, Dr. Ricca spent a day touring the District, visiting each of its schools and central office. He interacted with school and building administrators, teachers, staff, and students, including lunch with a group of high school students. That day-long visit culminated in his final interview with the School Committee and members of the administrative team.

Referring to a series of forums and a community survey conducted regarding the next Superintendent, School Committee Chair Anne Musella noted: “The East Greenwich school community made it clear that we need a Superintendent who can build genuine relationships with all members of the community, particularly at this juncture. Dr. Ricca has demonstrated to us that he has that ability and honest desire – in addition to his significant educational experience and credentials. We believe he will be an excellent fit for our community.”

Dr. Brian Ricca has been a professional educator for twenty-six years, teaching students as young as first grade all the way up through graduate students. He has been in educational leadership since 2003, having opportunities in Chicago, New York, and Boston before moving to Vermont. He has been a superintendent since 2011, serving the communities of Montpelier and St. Johnsbury. Dr. Ricca earned a Bachelor of Arts from the College of the Holy Cross, a Master of Science in Teaching from Fordham University, and a Doctorate from Loyola University Chicago. Dr. Ricca has been married since 2004 to Michal. They met teaching next door to each other in Chicago. He and Michal, have two sons, Patrick, and Brendan, as well as two yellow labs, Sadie and Waffle.

Regarding his appointment, Dr. Ricca stated: “As an educational leader who is learner-centered, and data-informed, both the simplicity and the power of the Strategic Plan ‘All Means All: Our Total Commitment to Every Student’ is compelling. These next months and years emerging from COVID-19 will be a testament to how we live that plan in a very concrete way for all students and their families in East Greenwich.”

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