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East Greenwich School Committee Announces District Leadership Changes

The East Greenwich School Committee approved unanimously last night a leave of absence and subsequent resignation as of June 30, 2025 from the Superintendent of the East Greenwich Public Schools (EGPS), Dr. Brian G. Ricca, as well as the appointment of Alexis L. Meyer as Interim Superintendent and an agreement with Dr. Patricia M. Page to rescind a planned return to teaching and to remain as Principal of East Greenwich High School (EGHS).

The East Greenwich Education Association (EGEA, the teachers' union) took a vote of no confidence in the Assistant Superintendent, Sarah Courtemanche-O'Brien, who assumed her post in September 2024. The School Committee took no action last night regarding Ms. Courtemanche-O'Brien's role.

Ms. Meyer was formerly the Superintendent in East Greenwich from February 2020 through April 2022, when she retired after 14 years working in EGPS, beginning in August 2009. Dr. Ricca was named Superintendent in EGPS after two prior stints as a Superintendent in Vermont. He began work in East Greenwich in July 2022.

Dr. Page began teaching in EGPS in August 2008 and was named the Rhode Island Teacher of the Year in 2014. She became the Interim Principal of EGHS in October 2022 and was named Principal in June 2023. Dr. Page was also recognized as Principal of the Year by the Rhode Island Association of School Principals in May 2024.

Chairperson Powell said of the School Committee's actions: "We took actions last night that we felt were necessary to restore stability and focus to the leadership of our school district. We are delighted to bring back Alexis Meyer, who served with distinction over a long career in EGPS and whose leadership as Superintendent during the COVID pandemic was essential to keeping our schools open and maintaining our educational excellence. Her collaborative style, deep knowledge of the community and universal respect are great assets for our schools. We are thankful that we could coax her out of retirement, to agree to return to the leadership of EGPS and to assist the community in finding the next Superintendent."

"Dr. Page is a beloved educator who made a seamless transition to building administration several years ago. We are grateful that she has decided to stay in her current post and that so many students and families will benefit from her continued leadership of EGHS."

"We also look forward to maintaining our collaboration with the EGEA to ensure that the teaching and learning environment in all our schools is fully supported and that EGPS remains a leader in public education in our state."



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