



**East Greenwich School Committee**  
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## **East Greenwich School Committee Announces Dr. Thomas Kenworthy as Next Superintendent of Schools**

EAST GREENWICH, RI – The East Greenwich School Committee (EGSC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Thomas Kenworthy as the next Superintendent of the East Greenwich Public Schools (EGPS), effective August 12, 2025.

Dr. Kenworthy was approved by a unanimous 7-0 vote at a special meeting of the EGSC.

Dr. Kenworthy brings more than 30 years of experience as an educator and leader in Rhode Island's public education system, as well as a deep commitment to the East Greenwich community as a 19-year resident.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Kenworthy as our next Superintendent," said EGSC Chair Alyson Powell. "His track record of leadership, commitment to student success, and personal connection to East Greenwich make him the ideal choice to lead our district into the future. We look forward to partnering with him as we continue to build on East Greenwich's tradition of educational excellence."

The EGSC selection followed an extensive, four-month search process. Nearly 300 community members participated in a district-wide survey to inform the selection criteria, and close to 20 stakeholders—including parents, educators, administrators, and students—joined EGSC members on interview panels during the first round of in-person candidate reviews.

"The School Committee conducted a thorough and community-informed process," said EGSC member and Personnel Subcommittee Chair Kevin Wright. "We were fortunate to review a pool of highly qualified candidates from across the country, as well as from here in Rhode Island. What stood out about Dr. Kenworthy was not only his experience and results-driven leadership,

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but also his deep ties to our community and his passion for advancing educational excellence in East Greenwich.”

Dr. Kenworthy has most recently served as Superintendent of the Portsmouth School Department, where he has led the district since 2020 following four years as Assistant Superintendent. He guided Portsmouth schools through the COVID-19 pandemic, led voter approval of the largest school construction bond in the town’s history, and successfully oversaw the completion of multiple capital projects—on time and on budget. Under his leadership, Portsmouth achieved some of its strongest academic outcomes to date, with all four schools earning four- or five-star ratings, an achievement shared only by East Greenwich and Barrington.

A native of East Providence and a first-generation college graduate, Dr. Kenworthy first served seven years in the U.S. Marine Corps, prior to beginning his educational career as a high school social studies teacher at La Salle Academy. He went on to serve as a teacher and middle and high school principal in several Rhode Island public school districts, then later as a School and District Leadership Fellow at the Rhode Island Department of Education. He currently serves as an Adjunct Professor of Practice in the Johnson & Wales University Educational Leadership Doctoral Program, working to prepare future school leaders.

Dr. Kenworthy and his wife, Elizabeth, are proud parents of three children—two current EGPS students and one East Greenwich High School graduate.

EGSC expresses its sincere gratitude to all those who contributed to the search process, including all the community members who completed the survey and participated in the preliminary interview panel, as well as the talented pool of applicants interested in joining a school district with a long history of state and regional leadership in Pre-K-12 education.

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