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## **Dr. Maura T. Tuite to be Appointed As Assistant Superintendent for Special Education & Student Personnel Services**



Livingston, NJ: Livingston Public Schools (LPS) is pleased to announce that Dr. Maura T. Tuite, current LPS Director of Secondary Special Education, has been recommended for appointment as the district's new Assistant Superintendent for Special Education & Student Personnel Services effective December 1, 2025. The Livingston Board of Education is anticipated to officially approve this appointment at its public meeting today, August 12, 2025, at 7 p.m. at the Central Office.

To ensure continuity and full staffing at the start of the school year, and to facilitate a smooth transition, Dr. Tuite will be appointed as Executive Director of Special Education and Student Personnel Services, effective August 16, 2025. The district will also post for and fill the Director of Secondary Special Education role to maintain full capacity within the department for the upcoming school year.

As Dr. Tuite assumes leadership of the department, Mrs. Steiger will continue to assist the district until her retirement on November 30, 2025, by supporting the transition, aiding in the expansion of the PreK program, conducting staff observations, and training others to continue the important equity work underway this year.

Dr. Tuite brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this critical leadership role. She holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Psychology from Loyola University Chicago, and both her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Before she was appointed LPS's Director of Secondary Special Education in 2024, Dr. Tuite served as the Director of Special Education and Nursing Services for Teaneck Public Schools from 2021 to 2024. Before that, she was a Child Study Team Coordinator/Psychologist in Teaneck from 2007 to 2021.

In her previous role as Director of Special Education in Teaneck, Dr. Tuite distinguished herself by spearheading a cultural shift from a siloed approach to a district-wide partnership model, successfully integrating special education students into general education classes with comprehensive support. She was instrumental in designing and implementing programs to elevate leadership and management skills among district employees, leveraging data analysis from assessments and observations to drive improvements. Dr. Tuite demonstrated strong fiscal responsibility by managing department budgets and securing grants, all while providing expert legal guidance for Special Education and Mental Health Services. Her commitment to inclusivity extended beyond the district, as she initiated and chaired the

County Human Relations Community, a vital platform for professional development on diversity, equity, and cultural awareness.

Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Daniel Fishbein, stated, “Dr. Tuite brings an accomplished career in Special Education to her new role as Assistant Superintendent. Her invaluable experience within Livingston Public Schools is a significant asset, and we are confident she will not only uphold the exceptional work already in motion but also innovate and expand upon it to achieve even greater accomplishments for our students and community.”

“It has been a privilege to serve as the Director of Secondary Special Education this past year and to witness firsthand Livingston’s unwavering commitment to excellence,” said Dr. Tuite. “I am honored to have been selected to serve as the Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Personnel Services. I look forward to fostering collaboration and strengthening relationships across our school community as we build on the district’s strong foundation, ensuring that every student is supported, included, and empowered to thrive.”

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