



BOARD OF EDUCATION

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D. Jill McCammon
Chairperson

The Darien Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Eric Byrne as the permanent Superintendent of the Darien Public Schools. Dr. Byrne is currently serving as Interim Superintendent of the Darien Public Schools.

Robin Nelson
Vice Chairperson

Before joining Darien on July 1, 2025, Dr. Byrne served as Superintendent of the Rye City School District in New York from 2017 to 2025, where he advanced academic excellence, championed student well-being, and strengthened community partnerships.

Sara D. Parent
Secretary

He holds an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Administration from Fordham University and began his career as a high school science teacher in the New York City public schools. Over the years, Dr. Byrne also served as Assistant Principal, Elementary School Principal, and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction - experiences that have shaped his belief that schools must nurture critical thinkers, effective communicators, enthusiastic collaborators, creative problem solvers and caring individuals.

David A. Brown

Greg D. Grambling

"I am deeply honored to continue serving the Darien community in this role," said Dr. Byrne. "In my time here, I have been inspired by the dedication of our educators, the curiosity and talent of our students, and the steadfast support of our families and community. Together, we will build on the district's strong foundation and ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive."

Kadiatu M. Lublin

Dennis J. Maroney

The Board of Education hired School Leadership LLC to spearhead the Superintendent search and develop specifications for their ideal candidate. While the Board had planned to use those specifications to conduct a full national search, significant community input and support made it clear that the exemplary leader they were seeking was already in Darien.

John R. Sini, Jr.

Joanna Walsh

Dr. Martin Brooks of School Leadership said, "The Board of Education sought extensive feedback from the community through focus groups, interviews and an online survey. Based on the robust responses we received, if Dr. Byrne hadn't already been serving as the interim superintendent, he would have been at the top of our recruitment list. He is an exceptional leader with a strong record of success in high performing districts. We see Dr. Byrne and the Darien Public Schools as a wonderful match."

Ms. Jill McCammon, Darien Board Chair, added, "Dr. Byrne has been an exceptional interim Superintendent. His four months of active leadership made it abundantly clear that he is the ideal person for this role: a visionary collaborator who has already built strong relationships with our educators and families. He is the clear choice to maintain Darien's excellence and champion continuous innovation."

The Board expresses gratitude to the Darien community for its engagement throughout the search and transition process. "We heard from many parents, staff, and students that they value stability, integrity, and vision in our next superintendent," said Ms. McCammon. "Dr. Byrne embodies all of these qualities. We look forward to continuing our work together in support of our students and schools."

Dr. Byrne will be holding his first "Fireside Chat" on November 12 at 7pm at Holmes School. The Board of Education and Dr. Byrne invite you to hear directly from him about his vision for the future of the Darien Public Schools.

For more information about the Darien Public Schools, please visit www.darienps.org.