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Mark Stern to Be Appointed Superintendent of Livingston Public Schools



Livingston, NJ: The Livingston Board of Education is pleased to announce the anticipated appointment of Mr. Mark Stern as the new Superintendent of Livingston Public Schools. A lifelong educator and pillar of the district for over 25 years, Mr. Stern's appointment marks a new chapter for the community he has served as an English Teacher, English and Language Arts Supervisor, Livingston High School Assistant Principal, Livingston High School Principal, and, most recently, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology. The Board is expected to approve this appointment during its public meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at Livingston High School. Mr. Stern will officially assume his new role on July 1, 2026.

Members of the public are invited to attend a Meet and Greet with Mr. Stern on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the LHS Media Center.

The Board's decision follows a search for a leader who embodies the District's core values of excellence, innovation, inclusion, and well-being. Mr. Stern's deep-rooted history in Livingston provides him with an in-depth understanding of the District's trajectory and the evolving needs of the staff and students.

"Mr. Stern is not a stranger to our halls. He is a cornerstone of our community who has spent nearly three decades championing the success of our students," said Board President, Mrs. Parul Khemka. "As he steps into this new role, we are not just hiring an administrator; we are empowering a proven leader who deeply loves this community and possesses the vision, fiscal responsibility, and heart to guide our children into their bright and successful future."

Mr. Stern's leadership philosophy is rooted in fostering a safe, nurturing, and equitable environment where every student is empowered to learn, create, contribute, and grow. As a member of the Superintendent's Cabinet, he is recognized for his teamwork and leadership – both at the Board table and within his various committee roles. He collaborated with the community on the Strategic Plan, which establishes the vision for the District and prioritizes social and emotional wellness, as well as inclusion. As a forward-thinking administrator, he balances his role as a financial steward with a commitment to progressive education, constantly analyzing data and educational trends to ask "what else is possible" for Livingston's students.

For Mr. Stern, the new role is a continuation of a lifelong mission. He explained, "Having spent exactly half of my life serving Livingston Public Schools, this community is far more than simply where I work; it is where I have grown, both as an educator and as a person. I am deeply grateful for the Board's trust and am honored to continue our shared work with the honesty, clarity, and dedication this

thriving community deserves. Our success has always been rooted in our interconnected strength, and I look forward to working alongside our brilliant staff, innovative administrators, supportive families, committed town leaders, and, most importantly, our passionate students, who bring our buildings to life each day as we continue our tradition of empowering all to learn, create, contribute, and grow.”

Dr. Fishbein stated, “After working with Mr. Stern for the past 18 months, I see that his deep institutional knowledge will benefit the future of Livingston students by ensuring that the progress already made within the district will continue and even accelerate. His expertise is also vital for guaranteeing a seamless succession in leadership, which serves to keep the specific needs of the students at the forefront of the community's efforts.”

Mr. Stern holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Communications from American University and two Master of Arts degrees from Montclair State University, one in Teaching (English) and one in Administration and Supervision. His extensive background also includes service as an Adjunct Professor at The College of New Jersey and active membership in the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA).

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