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Board Approves Appointment of Dr. Theodore Thompson as District's New Deputy Superintendent

PITTSBURGH, PA July 27, 2026 — The Pittsburgh Board of Public Education has approved Superintendent Dr. Wayne N. Walters appointment of **Dr. Theodore L. Thompson III** as Deputy Superintendent for Pittsburgh Public Schools. The Board approved the appointment at its July 22nd Legislative Meeting.

As Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Thompson will work closely with the Superintendent to provide executive leadership across the District's academic and operational divisions. In this role, he will help align instructional and operational priorities, strengthen organizational effectiveness and support implementation of the District's strategic plan.



"Dr. Thompson is an accomplished educational leader with extensive experience leading large urban school systems and improving outcomes for students," said Superintendent Dr. Wayne N. Walters. "Throughout the selection process, he demonstrated a deep commitment to educational excellence, strategic leadership and collaboration. I am excited to welcome him to the Pittsburgh Public Schools family and to partner with him as we continue building a school system where every student has access to a high-quality educational experience and every school is equipped to help students succeed."

Dr. Theodore L. Thompson III

Dr. Thompson brings more than 25 years of experience in public education, most recently serving as the Executive Director of Secondary Schools for Denver Public Schools, where he supported 33 secondary schools serving more than 29,000 students. Previously, he served as Principal Supervisor and Associate Chief of Academics for Denver Public Schools and has held executive leadership positions in Baltimore City Public Schools, the District of Columbia Public Schools, the School District of Philadelphia, and Syracuse City School District.

Throughout his career, Dr. Thompson has led districtwide initiatives focused on academic improvement, leadership development, organizational effectiveness, strategic planning, school turnaround and operational excellence. His experience aligns closely

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with the responsibilities of the Deputy Superintendent, including leading cross-functional teams, supporting school improvement efforts, and overseeing strategic initiatives.

"I am honored to join Pittsburgh Public Schools and look forward to partnering with Dr. Walters, our Board of Directors, educators, staff, families and community partners," said Dr. Thompson. "Together, we will continue building on the District's momentum to ensure every student has access to an outstanding experience."

Dr. Thompson earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Organizational Management and a Master of Education in Educational Administration from Ashland University, as well as a bachelor's degree in psychology from Cleveland State University.

Dr. Thompson will begin serving as Deputy Superintendent on August 3, 2026.

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