



School District Of The City Of Pontiac

Thursday, October 29, 2026

Greetings Pontiac School District Faculty, Staff, Parents/Guardians and Community Members -

I write to you today to let you know about an upcoming change in the leadership of the Pontiac School District. Last night, Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at a special meeting of the Pontiac School District Board of Education, it was announced that I will step down as Interim Superintendent at the end of the day, Sunday, November 1, 2026. This decision was a personal decision, and the Board of Education fully supported my decision, as I have now been in this role since August 2026.

As we know, taking on the role of Superintendent in any district is a large task, let alone, Interim Superintendent. I am so thankful for the outpouring of support from the Board of Education, our faculty, staff and students in the district, and our community members, as we have been working to continue to move the district forward over the last 3 months.

Beginning on Monday, November 2, 2026, the Board of Education has appointed Dr. Donald Weatherspoon as Interim Superintendent of the Pontiac School District. Dr. Weatherspoon is no stranger to the Pontiac School District, and is looking forward to stepping into this role, to continue the forward progress of the district. In addition, the Board of Education has indicated that Dr. Weatherspoon's appointment to the position of Interim Superintendent will be a temporary appointment. To ensure a smooth transition, I will continue to work closely with Dr. Weatherspoon and the Superintendent's Cabinet.

We started off this school year on a very strong note in all buildings and programs within the district, and I am confident that with Dr. Weatherspoon taking over the role of Interim Superintendent, and with the continued support from the rest of the district administration and Board of Education, this progress will continue.

Thank you so much for all the messages, calls and notes of support from everyone over the last few months as I have been working in the role of Interim Superintendent. I am so grateful to have been given this opportunity, and I look forward to continuing our work together within the district.

With deepest gratitude, and Phoenix Pride,

Jennifer Dean
Interim Superintendent & Data and Assessment Coordinator
Pontiac School District