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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear JPS Community,

We're writing to inform you that during the November 17th regular school board meeting, Superintendent Greene announced that he will not renew his contract with Jackson Public Schools beyond June 30, 2027. Dr. Greene noted that he is making the difficult decision to step down having full confidence in our ability to continue the great work that we've done over the past eight years of his leadership.

As many of you will recall, Jackson Public Schools had been deemed a failing school district for more than a decade and was facing state takeover before Dr. Greene's appointment. In the eight years that he has led our district, we've achieved our highest graduation rate, we've increased our state accountability rating by two letter grades, and we've increased staff compensation more than ever before. In addition, we successfully completed a school optimization effort to ensure that our district is operating effectively and efficiently and completed more than $170M in school renovations.

Although we are saddened that Dr. Greene will be departing in June 2027, we are grateful for his tireless leadership and service. Dr. Greene's impact on the Jackson community is immense. He has led the JPS team in developing strong partnerships with local, state and national entities, ensuring that our work is well informed and deeply supported. He leads with a sense of purpose and promise, and this has been evident from day one in the way that he centers our scholars and maintains a focus on their success in life. His accomplishments as our superintendent led to numerous national recognitions, including the prestigious National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) 2024 Josephine E. Hill Superintendent of the Year award.

As we prepare for this leadership transition, our board remains confident in the district's continued march toward excellence. Our board members will work together over the next few months to thoughtfully consider the process and ultimate decision regarding future district leadership. We thank you in advance for your patience and support as we fulfill one of the most important duties of any school board. Thankfully, due in large part to Dr. Greene's commitment to building a strong leadership team, we know that our next superintendent will have a solid foundation on which to continue building.

For now, please join us in thanking Dr. Errick L. Greene, a truly amazing leader, for all that he has accomplished in Jackson Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Board President
Mitch McGuffey, Board Vice President
Frank Figgers, Secretary
Dr. Jeanne Hairston
Akilah Irving
Lee Scott