



# Hanover Township PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Justin Toomey Appointed As New Superintendent of Schools



Whippany, NJ: Hanover Township Public Schools (HTPS) Board of Education has appointed Justin Toomey as the district's new Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Toomey will begin his tenure in this role on or before August 26, 2024.

Mr. Toomey shared, "I am thrilled to be returning home to serve the 'community that inspires excellence' in this capacity. Thanks to President Bomengo and the Board of Education for believing in me. I am grateful for the opportunity to lead the district forward and to give back to the community that gave so much to me."

Mr. Toomey will be taking the reins from Mr. Michael Wasko who is retiring as of June 30, 2024. Beginning July 1, 2024, the district will be led by Acting Superintendent and Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Dr. Edward Izbicki. He is taking over for Mrs. Vanessa Wolsky who announced her resignation in May 2024.

Mr. Toomey earned his Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance from the University of Southern California. He holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Montclair State University.

Prior to his appointment as Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Toomey served as the principal of Riker Hill Elementary School and District's School Safety Specialist in Livingston, NJ. Mr. Toomey oversaw a 25% enrollment increase during his 5 years. He was able to rejuvenate the culture and climate of the school, earning the respect and admiration of students, teachers/staff, and families. Mr. Toomey recognized the importance of establishing a solid foundation with an emphasis on the necessary human and student skills that are key to the success for today's children. During his tenure, he was able to make a positive impact on the school community, leaving the school in a prime position to succeed moving forward.

Mr. Toomey is no stranger to Hanover Township. Having been a product of Hanover, he was born and raised in this community, attending Our Lady of Mercy School, Memorial Junior School, and Whippany Park High School. Professionally, Mr. Toomey served as a leave replacement music teacher at Bee Meadow School and Memorial Junior School, as well as an Assistant Director of the Pride of Hanover Township, Whippany Park Marching Band, and the Assistant Principal of Memorial Junior School.

Mr. Toomey added, "The universe works in mysterious ways and I believe that everything happens for a reason. I cannot wait to work alongside the dedicated administrators, teachers, and staff, while partnering with families and the greater community to do what's best for kids each step of the way."