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DR. FRANK RANELLI APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF PISCATAWAY SCHOOLS

Piscataway, NJ, May 10, 2019 – At its May 9, 2019 Business Meeting, the Piscataway Board of Education voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Frank Ranelli as its new Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Ranelli has served as Assistant Superintendent in Piscataway since 2014 under Superintendent Teresa M. Rafferty, who announced her retirement earlier this year. Dr. Ranelli will begin a five-year contract with the District beginning July 1, 2019.

In making the announcement, Board President Alexandra Lopez noted Dr. Ranelli's commitment to the Piscataway community. "The Piscataway Board of Education was united in appointing Dr. Ranelli as our next superintendent. This is an important decision for any board, and we are confident that Dr. Ranelli will continue to lead our schools, students, and staff in both academic and emotional growth. The Board appreciates Dr. Ranelli's dedication to educational equity, his support for our diverse community, and his commitment to family partnerships.

"I also want to sincerely thank Ms. Rafferty for her years of dedication to Piscataway students," Mrs. Lopez continued. "Under her leadership, we've seen student achievement rise, built a more challenging and wide-ranging curricula at all grade levels, significantly added to our arts offerings at all schools, and ensured a focus on the social and emotional well-being of students and staff."

"I am honored and humbled by the support from the Piscataway Board of Education," said Dr. Ranelli. "I look forward to working together to ensure success for all students in a welcoming and inspiring school environment."

A native of Woodbridge, New Jersey, Dr. Ranelli began his career as a Special Education Teacher in Woodbridge from 1996-2003. He next served as Assistant Principal of North Burlington County Regional High School from 2003-2005; as Principal of Lindenwold High School from 2005-2008; and as Principal at Burlington County Institute of Technology from 2008-2014, before coming to Piscataway.

Dr. Ranelli holds Bachelor of Science from Kean University, a Master of Arts from Georgian Court University; and a Doctor of Education—Innovation and Leadership from Wilmington University.

“As we begin this new chapter for Piscataway Schools, we are grateful for both Dr. Ranelli’s and Ms. Rafferty’s leadership,” said Mrs. Lopez. “We anticipate a smooth transition for the district in July.”

About Piscataway Township Schools

Serving over 7,000 students, Piscataway Township Schools provide K - 12 and preschool programming, special education instructional programs and services, as well as before and aftercare, adult education classes, youth enrichment programs, and summer youth programs. The mission of the Piscataway Township Schools is the continual development of each child’s intellectual, aesthetic, social and physical abilities in a positive environment that fosters self-esteem, to help all students realize their abilities and gifts.