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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Dr. Alex Gray Named Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at Piscataway Township Schools

Piscataway, NJ, May 3, 2021 – At the Piscataway Board of Education meeting held on Thursday, April 29, Dr. Alex Gray was named the district’s Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, a newly created position designed to promote equity, inclusivity, cultural competence and greater community understanding of vital issues, and to ensure effective utilization of available resources across the district.

This new position is part of the District’s focus on the intersection between social and emotional learning, equity, and culturally responsible teaching strategies, which together, lead to overall student achievement.

Raised in Piscataway and a graduate of Piscataway Schools, Dr. Gray has worked in the Piscataway School District since 2000, first at Quibbletown Middle School, where he served as a school counselor and social worker before moving to an assistant principal position in 2012. For the past seven years, Dr. Gray has served as principal at Martin Luther King Intermediate School. He will begin his new role in the district on July 1, 2021.

“In his new role, Dr. Gray will share his wealth of knowledge and experience in diversity and inclusion across the entire district. He has attended countless workshops, led professional development programs, and used data to make real changes in these areas at Martin Luther King School,” noted Piscataway Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Frank Ranelli. “I look forward to working with Alex in this very important role – he brings a great deal of talent to the central office team.”

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Dr. Gray received his Doctor of Education from Rowan University, a Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan, and a Bachelor of Social Work from the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. He has presented at many conferences and leadership training workshops, including at NYU-Steinhardt, the New Jersey Future Educators Association, and the New Jersey Council of County Colleges. He is a member of the New Jersey School Principal & Supervisor's Association and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Dr. Gray and his family currently reside in Somerset, New Jersey.

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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.