

**DOVER CITY SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
KARIE McCRATE
JULY 2021**

School is out for summer, but the leadership and staff at Dover City Schools are working hard to prepare for the coming school year.

Summer school continues in full swing. Students continue to fill our buildings to extend and enrich learning and begin training for fall sports. The energy generated by the presence of students and staff is what we longed for last summer, and we are not taking any of these moments for granted.

As of August 1, I will be the superintendent of Dover City Schools. I am working to develop a targeted plan for the first 100 day in this role, and will share this with our staff and team in August. This plan will have clear goals, objectives, and benchmarks to both engage with the community and allow our residents and stakeholders to see and share in all we accomplish.

Having served Dover for 22 years in various roles – as a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent – and being the parent of four Dover Tornados, I look forward to working to build upon our district's strengths and strategically target any need for progress or improvement. That said, I am equally eager to hear what our community believes is working well and what needs to be addressed within our schools.

Building relationships within our community in my new position will remain a top priority. I am certainly excited to have the opportunity to gather feedback from our community in person! Community feedback will be a cornerstone of my 100 day plan and I intend to move forward with transparency and clear communication throughout the school year.

As we predict a more traditional start to the 2021-2022 school year, anticipation is building in the Dover community. We are moving toward August with optimism, and are excited to provide a sense of normalcy to our student body when we welcome students back into our buildings for the start of the school year on August 25.