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Incoming Superintendent Takes Oath of Office; Expresses Enthusiasm for ‘*Elevating Excellence*’ Across DeKalb County Schools

Dr. Devon Q. Horton Officially Begins His Tenure on July 1

(DECATUR, GA)- This afternoon, incoming Superintendent Dr. Devon Q. Horton took the oath of office at the DeKalb County Georgia Superior Courthouse in Decatur, which marks an exciting new chapter for public education in the DeKalb County School District (DCSD). Dr. Horton, who is set to assume his role on Saturday, July 1 officially, expressed his enthusiasm about beginning his tenure.

“I am thrilled to embark on this journey as the new superintendent of DeKalb County Schools. My family and I are excited to move into the county and become part of this remarkable community. I am deeply honored to have the opportunity to lead this team of dedicated educators, administrators, and staff as we serve the families who are entrusting their children’s education to us.”

Dr. Horton provided a preview of his transformative vision for the District, centered around the concept of “*Elevating Excellence*” for everyone. At its core, this strategy reinvigorates all DCSD schools to become places where students are more inspired to explore their full potential while staff members are empowered to make engaging connections. By creating learning environments that encourage innovation and nurture academic, social, and emotional growth, Dr. Horton is committed to leveraging the District’s strengths and identifying areas for advancement to ensure an exceptional education for all students.

“Throughout my career, the emphasis has been on equipping our students with the skills and knowledge they need to excel in a rapidly evolving world,” Dr. Horton said. “We must be hyper-focused on creating educational experiences beyond traditional boundaries and pathways. This includes being intentional about infusing critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity into our teaching.”

Dr. Horton encourages the community to join him on this crucial journey of transformation and progress. Together, there is a clear path to shaping a future where DCSD is even more of a beacon of educational excellence and a career destination for the finest educators and staff.

“We cannot do this alone. We’ll ramp up our efforts to establish meaningful collaborations with our students, families, and community partners. Together, we will proudly graduate scholars who are well-prepared to pursue their versions of the American Dream.”

For pictures from today’s event, which are approved for media use with DCSD attribution, see: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/dekalbschools/sets/72177720309433674/>

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