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## **DCSD Superintendent Appointed to Inaugural Homeland Security School Safety Advisory Board**

*Dr. Horton joins a prestigious group of national security experts and education leaders*

(STONE MOUNTAIN, GA)— The DeKalb County School District (*DCSD*) proudly announces that Superintendent Dr. Devon Q. Horton has been selected to serve on the newly formed Department of Homeland Security’s (*DHS*) School Safety Clearinghouse External Advisory Board. This influential board comprises school safety experts and education leaders who will provide critical guidance and recommendations to enhance K-12 school safety and security.

The Advisory Board will advise Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (*CISA*) on implementing evidence-based school safety practices. The board's recommendations will be published on [SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov), a federal platform offering school safety resources and guidance.

“I am honored to serve on this advisory board and contribute to the national effort to create safer learning environments. In a world with ever-shifting and elevated threats, I believe our collective experiences will be constructive in helping develop practical solutions that improve protection for our students, staff, and communities,” Dr. Horton said.

[This week’s DHS announcement](#) comes nearly two years after the [Bipartisan Safer Communities Act](#) expanded the Federal School Safety Clearinghouse and mandated the creation of this advisory board. The board represents diverse perspectives from various fields, including education, public safety, cybersecurity, and civil rights.

A complete list of the inaugural board members is [HERE](#).

CISA will convene the board for its first meeting in Fall 2024.

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