



PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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Pemberton Township Schools Names New Superintendent

The Pemberton Township Board of Education has appointed Jeffrey Havers as superintendent of Pemberton Township Schools, effective February 1, 2021. He replaces interim superintendent Paul Spaventa, who has led the district since July 1, 2020.

“We are pleased to select a leader who is well-known and respected in our district, and possesses a passion for education,” said Jeffrey Wilson, member of the superintendent search committee and outgoing Pemberton Township Board of Education president. “Mr. Havers has demonstrated that he has the qualifications, experience and commitment to lead our district successfully into the future.”

“The board is looking forward to working with Mr. Havers,” said incoming BOE president Tom Bauer. “We have witnessed his dedication to our students and staff and are eager to continue the district’s advancement under his direction.”

Havers has served as Pemberton’s assistant superintendent for elementary, preschool – 5th grade for the past three years, and as director of curriculum and instruction for prek - 5 for the two previous years. Under his leadership, the district’s K-5 students recorded significant increases in academic achievement, including improving scores nearly 10% on the measure of reading at grade level. Math scores gained 7.5% and English Language Arts scores increased 14% under his tutelage.

During his tenure as assistant superintendent, Havers managed several significant projects, most recently serving as chairperson for the district’s Return to School Roadmap committee. His role in this multi-faceted strategy included supervising all aspects of the planning and implementation of district

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COVID-19 protocols and instructional plans. “Chairing the Return to School Roadmap committee has been a challenging, but fundamentally important task, as the leadership team struggles to determine the most effective way to safely educate our scholars during such difficult circumstances,” he said.

Havers was instrumental in the district earning the “High Performing” designation through the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) process—the first time the district received this prestigious recognition. He also served as the district liaison to the School Development Authority (SDA) for the construction of the district’s new \$62 million school in Browns Mills. The state-of-the-art, 2-story elementary school opened its doors to over 850 K-5 students this past fall.

Other achievements during his tenure at Pemberton include reconfiguring the elementary master schedule to provide instructional consistency and improve efficiencies in staffing, and enhancing the character education program that resulted in every elementary school earning the distinction of National School of Character. In addition, he was recognized as a Visionary Leader by the Burlington County Principal and Supervisors Association for conducting monthly training sessions with all new teachers.

“What I look forward to the most in becoming the new superintendent is the fact that I get to continue to learn and grow with an amazingly talented team of people who are committed to the children we serve,” Havers said.

Prior to joining Pemberton, Havers served as the principal of Berlin Community School (K – 8th grade) in Berlin, NJ for 6 years. He was a teacher at Hainesport Elementary School in Hainesport, NJ for 13 years, teaching both 5th grade and social studies for grades 6th through 8th. He was named Hainesport’s Teacher of the Year in 2008.

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Jeffrey Havers