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Norfolk Public Schools
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A New Chapter for Norfolk Public Schools: Transitioning Toward a Brighter Future

Dear Parents, Staff, Students, and Members of the Norfolk Public Schools Community,

We are writing to share important news regarding a leadership transition in Norfolk Public Schools. Effective June 11, 2025, Dr. Sharon I. Byrdsong will no longer serve as Superintendent of Schools. We are grateful for her years of service and dedication to our district.

As we move forward, we do so with a renewed commitment to excellence, equity, and innovation in public education. This marks not only a leadership change, but a **strategic reset**—an opportunity to **reimagine the future** of learning for every child in our care.

What This Means for Our Community:

- **A Fresh Vision:** We are initiating a collaborative process to chart a bold, student-centered path forward—built on listening, shared values, and academic excellence.
- **Stable Transition:** An experienced interim leadership team is in place to ensure that our schools continue to operate smoothly and successfully during this time.
- **Stronger Together:** This moment is about more than one change—it's about *all of us*, uniting to shape a public education system that reflects the needs and dreams of our students and families.

Next Steps

Throughout this transition, we will engage with stakeholders through forums, surveys, and listening sessions. Your voice matters. We invite parents, students, educators, and community leaders to join us in re-envisioning what's possible for our schools.

This is a season of renewal—a time to reset, rebuild trust, and reimagine what a thriving district looks like for every learner.

We thank you for your continued partnership, resilience, and hope.

Warmly,



Sarah DiCalogero
School Board Chair
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