

Superintendent Daugherty Announces Retirement

Wilmington, DE: Red Clay Consolidated School District Superintendent Dr. Merv Daugherty announced Thursday that he would be leaving the district in November to take another position out of state.

The Red Clay Board of Education will meet in executive session on Aug. 28, 2018 to discuss naming an interim superintendent, engaging a search firm to assist and guide the board in moving forward and the process the district will use in its search for Dr. Daugherty's replacement. Details will be released shortly thereafter.

"I thank Dr. Daugherty for his service and appreciate all he's done for the district," said School Board President Catherine Thompson. "Dr. Daugherty has worked hard to make Red Clay the preeminent district in the state. The board recognizes the importance of moving swiftly to determine the path forward for obtaining a successor superintendent who will continue Red Clay's innovation and success as a district."

Prior to his nine-year tenure as superintendent, Dr. Daugherty served as Assistant Superintendent for Academics and as a Director with Red Clay. He has also served as principal at the middle and high school levels.

In a letter to the board, staff and the community announcing his retirement effective Nov. 1, 2018, Dr. Daugherty said he was thankful for the opportunity to serve as leader of the Red Clay district.

"I am extremely thankful for this opportunity and I am very grateful to the outstanding staff members and the school board members for their professionalism and dedication to serve students and families," he wrote. "Through the next two months, I will continue to work hard for the students, parents and staff of the district. Each day will be extremely important for me to see the district continue to move forward and provide a smooth transition."

Dr. Daugherty earned his Doctorate in Leadership in Education from Wilmington University. He received his Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision from Salisbury University and his undergraduate degree in education from Frostburg State College.

During Dr. Daugherty's educational career, he has served on state testing committees, advisory teams, coordinated interventions and awareness school programs, and helped to develop after school programs for students. He has also developed programs to help students develop problem solving techniques and leadership skills.

Recently, Dr. Daugherty has worked with the Latin American Community Center and the Hilltop Lutheran Center to develop partnerships and programs to provide academic assistance for students. He has developed partnerships with Children and Families First, Christiana Care and the Nemours Foundation to offer additional resources for schools.

He has worked with the City of Wilmington, New Castle County Chamber of Commerce and the State Business Chamber Association to develop partnerships to enhance and promote education in Delaware.

As leader in Red Clay, he worked with the Yale Teacher Initiative at Yale University to improve classroom instruction.

Dr. Daugherty was elected the President of the Delaware School Chiefs Officers Association in 2013. He was also selected as a 2013 Catalyst for Change winner for the State of Delaware and received the 2014 JAG National Educational Leadership Award - Jobs for Delaware Graduates. Dr. Daugherty was selected the 2015-16 Delaware Superintendent of the Year. In 2016, Red Clay received the Wilmington Education Award for the District's outstanding collaboration with the

City of Wilmington. The district also received the 2017 State Inclusion Award for the Project Search Program serving students with disabilities.

Dr. Daugherty also on the boards of Vision to Learn, DIAA, Prevent Child Abuse Delaware and the College Board Advisory Council. In 2018, Red Clay was the Grand Prize Winner of the Magna Awards from the National School Boards Association.