



Perry Township Schools

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### **Perry Township Schools Superintendent Announces Plans to Retire**

Perry Township, Ind – Perry Township Schools Superintendent Patrick Mapes announced his plans to retire, effective June 30, 2023. During his tenure, Mr. Mapes spearheaded some of the most impactful projects in Perry Township Schools’ history.

Mr. Mapes accepted the Superintendent position in July of 2016. For the last six years, Perry Township Schools has completed \$153 million in construction projects, increased teacher base salaries by \$16,976.00 and secured more than \$32 million in grants and equipment for teacher incentives. Under Mr. Mapes leadership, Perry Township Schools has launched a police force, encouraged community participation by developing the Leadership Academy, implemented Project Lead the Way in all school buildings, successfully passed a referendum renewal while also lowering the tax rate and established partnerships between Perry Township Schools and local businesses. Amid Mr. Mapes term as Superintendent, Perry Township Schools has been recognized as a leader in urban education throughout the state and nationally. In 2018, the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) awarded its first ever Educator Effective District honor to Perry Township Schools. In 2021, NIET awarded Perry Township’s Douglas MacArthur Elementary its Founders Award for Excellence in Education. During the most challenging time in the history of education, Perry Township Schools has been a standout, growing students academically, socially and as productive community members.

“I have great pride in the work we have been able to accomplish as a team. I am grateful for the hardworking staff who have made the great successes of Perry Township Schools possible. I’m also thankful for the community for prioritizing education and supporting the district. Perry Township Schools is in great shape and ready for a new leader to come in and continue the work of serving students,” said Perry Township Schools Superintendent Pat Mapes.

The district will begin its search for a new superintendent on December 21, 2022. For information [click here](#).

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