Caesar Rodney School District Superintendent Announces Retirement

Dr. Fitzgerald will retire at the end of March 2022

Camden, DE – Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald announced his retirement to the Caesar Rodney staff on Wednesday afternoon with a heartfelt message saying, “Over the last 30 plus years, I have been proud to work with you in providing our children with one of the best possible educations in the State of Delaware and I want to thank you. It is with great pride in our accomplishments and with truly heartfelt sadness, I am announcing my intention to retire as your superintendent on March 31, 2022.”

Dr. Fitzgerald, who has accepted a position with the University of Delaware’s Academy of School Leadership, also stated, “I appreciate the opportunities that have been provided to me by our parents, the School Board, the administrators, staff, students and the entire Caesar Rodney community. I am proud of what we have achieved together over the years. I’m looking forward to the new opportunity that lies ahead continuing to work with superintendents and other school leaders throughout Delaware the country.”

Dr. Fitzgerald first joined the District as an Assistant Principal over thirty years ago. He then worked as Principal at Caesar Rodney High School, a post he held until he was selected as the District’s Superintendent in 2007. Under his leadership, six schools in the District were recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools and he lead the District through significant growth and change including multiple school renovations, the recent addition of two new schools, expansion of academic programs, the addition of language immersion and the District’s all-day kindergarten program.

School Board President Mike Marasco stated, “On behalf of the entire School Board, I would like to congratulate Dr. Fitzgerald on the announcement of his retirement from the Caesar Rodney School District. During his 30+ year career with CR he has been a strong and innovative role model for the District. Dr. Fitzgerald’s foresight and attention to detail has enabled Caesar Rodney to remain one of the best districts in the state. His natural ability to relate to students in all grade levels and our staff, has earned him the reputation throughout the state as a Superintendent that can “make it happen”. Dr. Fitzgerald will be missed, and he should be proud of the amazing advancements he helped craft for the many thousands of students that have been educated under his leadership. We wish Dr. Fitzgerald continued success as he pursues a new chapter in his journey which continues to demonstrate his dedication to educating both children and adults. Dr. Fitzgerald will always be welcomed with the Rider Pride he helped foster during his tenure and he should be proud, as is the Board, of his legacy here in the Caesar Rodney School District.”

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Throughout his tenure, Dr. Fitzgerald has been recognized as the Delaware Secondary School Principal of the Year, Delaware’s Superintendent of the Year on two occasions, and was awarded the National Superintendent of the Year in 2018. Additionally, he was recognized by the National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP) as the National Educational Administrator of the Year in 2019.

Board President Marasco added the District will begin an immediate search for Dr. Fitzgerald’s replacement.

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Dear Friends,

Words cannot express my gratitude and appreciation for all that you have done for the children of the Caesar Rodney School District. Over the last 30 plus years, I have been proud to work with you in providing our children with one of the best possible educations in the State of Delaware and I want to thank you. Sadly one journey must end before a new one can begin. Therefore, it is with great pride in our accomplishments and with truly heartfelt sadness, I am announcing my intention to retire as your superintendent on March 31, 2022. Please know that while my next journey will be as a Senior Educational Leadership Specialist with Delaware Academy of School Leadership and the University of Delaware, in my heart I will always be a proud Caesar Rodney Rider.

I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D.
Superintendent
Caesar Rodney School District