



Harford County Public Schools

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Roger Plunkett named HCPS Asst. Supt. for Curriculum/Instruction

Veteran Howard County teacher/administrator to lead Harford's instructional program

A 31-year veteran of the Howard County Public Schools has been named to be the new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in the Harford County Public Schools. Roger L. Plunkett, 51, was appointed by the Board of Education of Harford County at its public business meeting June 23rd to succeed Gerald E. Scarborough, who is retiring on June 30th after 37 years with the Harford County Public Schools.

Mr. Plunkett, a former teacher and department chair at Howard High School, has also served as an assistant principal at Hammond High, and principal at Atholton and Wilde Lake high schools, before being named Howard's Assistant Superintendent for School Administration in 2000. Two years ago, he was selected as the Howard County School System's Business, Community and Government Relations Officer, an assignment he will leave on July 14 to take over the Senior Staff position with the Harford County Public Schools which is responsible for reviewing and administering all curriculum and instructional programs in the school system.

"Mr. Plunkett brings to this position a wealth of experience in school and system level administration," said Harford Superintendent Jacqueline C. Haas who recommended his hiring to the Board. "His experience with curriculum development, professional development, and curriculum and program implementation will ground him in his new position here in Harford County. "His rich experience in Howard County and statewide have earned him broad-based respect and will be of tremendous benefit to the Harford County Public Schools," added Dr. Haas. "We are thrilled to have him join our staff."

Mr. Plunkett, a native of Baltimore City and graduate of Dunbar High School, will defend his dissertation on Organizational Leadership this fall as the final step toward receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He earned his bachelor's degree from Morgan State University in 1977 in English Education/French; before receiving his master's in Educational Administration from Loyola College in 1983. He has also been a graduate instructor at Johns Hopkins University since 1995.

Mr. Plunkett and his wife Debora have two children, Nicholas, 20, a senior at Salisbury University; and Whitney, 17, a recent graduate of Mt. Hebron High who will attend Shippensburg University in the fall.

"From my experiences as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and central office administrator, I have gained a wealth of knowledge to ensure that all children have the opportunity for a quality education," Mr. Plunkett said of his more than three decades in the Howard system. "Tremendous growth is expected in Harford County over the next decade, and I look forward to collaborating with the entire Harford County professional learning community in helping to move a good school system to a great school system."

Mr. Plunkett is a past winner of the Milken Award for Educational Excellence and has been named Maryland PTA Educator of the Year as well as the Howard County Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year.

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