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Dear SCPS Families and Staff,

On behalf of the School Board, I am delighted and excited to tell you that Dr. Thomas W. Taylor will be joining Stafford County Public School as our new Superintendent beginning December 1, 2021. I considered starting my introduction remarks about Dr. Taylor by outlining his past experience, degrees, background, and accomplishments. However, I believe it is best to share with you Dr. Taylor's focus on the future of Stafford County Public Schools and how he wants to lead us to be the best school district in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Dr. Taylor is student-focused, evidenced by his past accomplishments and the passion he exhibited during the interview process. Dr. Taylor is committed to joining our community for the long-term, stating that he is excited to "meet a kindergarten class and then watch those students graduate 12 years later."

Dr. Taylor will present his preliminary plans to move SCPS Forward during his first 100 days at the school board meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. I hope you will tune in to that meeting (here is how) to learn how we plan to move SCPS forward. He will begin by addressing the 2022-2023 school budget, transportation, student growth impact, learning loss recovery, and staff relations and support. Dr. Taylor will also address the challenges the pandemic created for school divisions and discuss his strategy for recovery, setting forth comprehensive plans to address these challenges.

Every superintendent is considered "The Superintendent" of his or her school division. What struck the school board most about Dr. Taylor is that he wants, and will work to be, "Your Superintendent." Our new leader will take us forward by building on our past and reaching new milestones of success for our students, families, staff, and community. Dr. Taylor will begin fostering a committed relationship with our learning community by hosting information sessions focused on learning what our community members, staff, and students believe the division needs to move SCPS Forward.

A partnership works best when all parties are involved and committed to achieving a great result. I encourage you to take part in the upcoming community information sessions and provide feedback that will help guide the school division's Strategic Plan for years to come.

I hope to see you in the coming months as we move forward in SCPS and please join me in welcoming Dr. Taylor and his family to our community.

Sincerely,

Holly H. Hazard
School Board Chair