

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SOMERSET HILLS APPOINTS NEW SUPERINTENDENT**

The Somerset Hills Board of Education is both pleased and proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Brian Brotschul as the next Superintendent of the Somerset Hills School District. Dr. Brotschul is currently the Superintendent of the Delran Public Schools, where he has served since 2014.

The Board engaged Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) to facilitate an extensive, nation-wide search that attracted forty-seven (47) applicants from eight (8) states. The process included the gathering of information from stakeholders during in person and virtual focus groups that resulted in the development of a Leadership Profile, which informed the process in identifying the top candidates for the position in Somerset Hills. After several rounds of screening and interviews, Dr. Brotschul emerged as the top candidate to fill the role as Superintendent.

Dr. Brotschul, who was named the 2022 NJ State Superintendent of the Year for Region III, began his career in education as a teacher of Language Arts. He has served in a variety of administrative roles including Assistant Principal, Director, and Principal at both the middle school and high school levels in North Brunswick, before becoming Superintendent in Delran. Dr. Brotschul focuses his leadership on positively impacting staff support and student achievement. His work as a leader is deeply embedded in the belief that community-driven schools result in connected stakeholders. Dr. Brotschul indicates that his work has increased academic achievement in the areas of language arts, math and stakeholder engagement across diverse, robust, and engaged communities.

Dr. Brotschul holds a Bachelor of Science degree from College of Charleston, SC, a Master of Arts degree from Kean University, and a Doctor of Education degree from Seton Hall University. He serves as adjunct faculty at Rutgers University and is an active member of several professional organizations. Dr. Brotschul joins the Somerset Hills School District in July 2023, following the current Interim Superintendent, Dr. Lydia Furnari, whose contract ends June 30, 2023.

Board President Sam Frenda said on behalf of the Board that “The Somerset Hills Board of Education is thrilled to welcome Dr. Brotschul as our next Superintendent. He brings with him a wealth of experience and exceptional expertise in areas in need of attention and growth as identified by our community stakeholders. We look forward to working with him to provide the best possible education to the students we serve.”

Dr. Brotschul shared that “I am eager to begin our work in Somerset Hills and am deeply appreciative of the honor that the Board of Education has bestowed upon me to work with the District Communities. The strong tradition in Somerset Hills offers great opportunities to ensure students exceed their potential while all staff are supported in thoughtful and creative ways.”