

MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRESS RELEASE

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The Mount Olive Board of Education is very pleased to announce that it has selected Dr. Robert R. Zywicki as its next Superintendent of Schools commencing on or about October 10, 2018.

Dr. Robert R. Zywicki currently serves as the Superintendent of Schools for the Pre-K to Grade 12 Weehawken Township School District. During his tenure in Weehawken, he guided the successful implementation of several initiatives, including the infusion of blended learning strategies, establishing a comprehensive Response to Intervention program, and adoption of the AP Capstone Diploma Program. Zywicki spearheaded a successful \$16,000,000 voter referendum that resulted in state of the art security upgrades at all Weehawken schools. In 2017, Weehawken was one of only three districts in New Jersey to have each of its schools certified as Future Ready by the New Jersey School Boards Association, NJDOE, and NJIT. Under Zywicki's leadership Weehawken was twice named "one of the ten most innovative districts in the nation" by the International Center for Leadership in Education. In 2018, he was named a District Thought Leader by Future Ready Schools.

Dr. Zywicki is a graduate of Rutgers College of Rutgers University (B.A.) and Saint Peter's University Caulfield School of Education (Ed.D., M.A.). Prior to his employment in Weehawken Dr. Zywicki served as the Assistant Superintendent of the High Point Regional School District, where he was previously the Director of Curriculum. He was the Supervisor of Social Studies at Hunterdon Central Regional High School. Prior to entering administration, he taught AP Microeconomics and AP Macroeconomics at Montgomery High School. He began his career in education teaching middle school social studies in the Bayonne Public Schools.

Dr. Zywicki currently coordinates the design and delivery of research-based professional development programs for the Rutgers University Center for Effective School Practices. He has been tapped to serve on several statewide initiatives by the NJDOE including the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Advisory Committee, Model Curriculum Committee, and Standards Review Committee.

On a personal level, Dr. Zywicki and his wife, Melanie, have four children. They reside in Sparta, New Jersey.

Upon learning that he was the successful candidate after going through a lengthy search process, Dr. Zywicki stated, "I am thrilled to join the dynamic team of educators, parents, and students in Mount Olive. I will work to continue the tremendous progress that has taken place under Dr. Reynolds and ensure a path of innovation going forward."

The Board has great confidence that Dr. Zywicki will continue to advance the District's educational, extracurricular and other initiatives so that Mount Olive continues to be one of the top school districts in the nation. Board President Liz Ouimet stressed that the Board was very

impressed with the pool of candidates that applied for the position and it is delighted that the Board found a perfect match with Dr. Zywicki, whose credentials, experience and educational vision will be the perfect fit to lead the District forward.

The Board will introduce Dr. Zywicki at a special meeting on August 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Education office located at 227 U.S. Highway 2016, Flanders, N.J. The Board will also be voting to approve Dr. Zywicki's employment contract.