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Goose Creek CISD superintendent announces plan to retire

Goose Creek CISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Toby York is retiring after 36 years of service in public education where he has served as a teacher, coach, principal, administrator and superintendent.

At this time, Dr. York is targeting July for his final day as superintendent.

Dr. York, who is in his 11th year at Goose Creek CISD, sent a heartfelt email to staff members about his retirement on Tuesday.

"Being superintendent in Goose Creek CISD has been a very rewarding experience for me, and I will cherish the memories of my time here. However, after 36 years in education, I believe it is time for me to focus on my family and just enjoy life. As many of you know, I became a grandfather 11 months ago, and I want to spend more time with my two little grandsons, catch a few fish, and travel more

"Thank you for your loyalty, hard work, and dedication to the students of Goose Creek CISD. I truly appreciate you.

Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees President Jenice Coffey said the Board appreciates Dr. York's dedication, determination and accomplishments throughout his time in Goose Creek CISD. "His commitment to the students we serve is unquestionable. Above all else, Dr. York has always been focused on students first. It has been a pleasure to work with him, and he will be greatly missed." Mrs. Coffey said. "Still, we, as a school district, remain committed to our goals and will continue to succeed through the collective efforts of the board, administrators and staff, and the parents and students of our community.

Mrs. Coffey said the Board's efforts over the next few months would be focused on planning for a positive, seamless leadership transition. "We intend to devote as much time as needed to work together with Dr. York to develop plans for moving forward," Mrs. Coffey said. "The Board's focus is ensuring a successful transition into next school year."

The Board is expected to discuss a superintendent search procedure at an upcoming workshop.

During his tenure as superintendent, Dr. York presided over many transitional events such as the dedication of the district's third high school, Goose Creek Memorial, the opening of IMPACT Early College High School at Lee College, the renovation and renaming of the Peter E. Hyland Center, the renovation of the Robert E. Lee Sports Complex, the closing of Pumphrey Elementary over pipeline safety concerns, and the creation of the district's Education Foundation which raises money to fund teaching grants.

He can also be credited with expanding the gifted and talented and bilingual programs to all elementary schools, placing major emphasis on increasing enrollment in career and technical education, and managing massive state cuts in funding without district layoffs.

The school district earned a "Recognized" rating from the state for two of his three years.

Dr. York was officially named superintendent in 2009.

Dr. York is the 13th superintendent in school district history and oversees a budget of nearly \$204 million and almost 3,000 employees.



Dr. York, who is in his 11th year at Goose Creek CISD. announced that he is retiring after 36 years of service in public education where he has served as a teacher, coach, principal. administrator and superintendent.

Dr. York has been with Goose Creek CISD since 2001 when he was hired as the district's Executive Director of School Administration. Dr. York served as Goose Creek CISD Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services from 2002 to 2005. He served as Deputy Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services from 2005 to 2009.

Prior to coming to Goose Creek, Dr. York served from 1998 to 2001 as Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for the 8,000-student New Caney ISD.

There, he helped guide the academically acceptable school district to recognized status for three consecutive years.

Dr. York also served as principal of New Caney High School from 1996 to 1998. Before that, he was an assistant principal at Oak Ridge High School in Conroe. Dr. York has also served as Athletic Director and football coach in Conroe and Cameron school districts. As a football coach, Dr. York was a member of the 1975 Texas A&M Southwest Conference championship team. He also coached two high school squads to state football titles.

Dr. York earned his bachelor's degree in education from Abilene Christian University in 1971, and his master's degree in educational administration from Texas A&M in 1976.

He earned his doctorate degree in administration and supervision from the University of Houston in 1997.

Locally, Dr. York is a member of the Rotary Club of Baytown's Board of Directors where he oversees the civic club's educational service projects. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education and Recreation Center, and an ex officio member of the Baytown Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Dr. York also serves as a state member on the University Interscholastic League Waiver Review Board.

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