

2021 Superintendent Finalists



Dr. Harold Brian Yearwood has served in education for 30 years, and is currently the Chief Operations Officer for the Manor Independent School District overseeing a \$286 million dollar Bond. He also served as the Assistant Superintendent for Academics & Accountability for Manor Independent School District in Manor, TX, since 2015. Dr. Yearwood received a Bachelor of Science in Geology, a Master of Education in Administration, and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Texas Tech University.



Dr. Chace Ramey currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer in the Iowa City Community School District located in Iowa City, Iowa. Chace has served as a district level leader for over ten years. Originally from Kansas City, Chace previously served as the Chief of Staff in Kansas City Public Schools and prior to his current role, Dr. Ramey was the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources in the nation's 10th largest school system, Fairfax County Public Schools (Fairfax, Virginia). He holds a law degree and a PhD from the University of Iowa. Chace and his wife, Adleigh, have two daughters.



Having dedicated more than two decades to making a difference in the lives of students and families on the classroom, campus, and school system levels, **Dr. Erick Pruitt** considers it a true privilege and honor to serve the students, educators, and the community. Born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana, Erick served with pride for 7 years in the United States Marine Corps. It was from this experience that Dr. Pruitt developed his unwavering commitment to serving others, culminating in his decision to pursue his life's calling as an educator. Over the next 22 years, Erick would serve as a classroom teacher, campus principal, and district leader responsible for the success of thousands of elementary, middle, and high school students across the city of Chicago.

Dr. Pruitt then brought his talents to Houston, Texas in 2014, where he would ultimately lead district-wide transformation initiatives for all of its underperforming and underserved schools on the elementary and secondary levels. He returned to Chicago Public Schools in 2018, currently serving as Deputy Chief of High Schools for the entire district.

Dr. Pruitt takes great pride in the impact he has made in engaging racially, culturally, and economically diverse communities, resulting in significantly improved outcomes for students. Dr. Pruitt earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Purdue University, his Master's Degree in Education from Loyola University Chicago, and his Doctorate in Education from National Louis University. Above all, Dr. Pruitt is a proud husband to Kenya (his wife of 26 years) and father to their five children.



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