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Octorara Area School District Appoints Dr. Shawn Dutkiewicz as New Superintendent

Atglen, PA – The Octorara Area School District (OASD) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Shawn Dutkiewicz as the district’s next Superintendent of Schools, effective September 1, 2025. The Board approved Dr. Dutkiewicz’s five-year contract during its August 11, 2025 Work Session.

Dr. Dutkiewicz brings more than 25 years of experience in public education, including six years in central office leadership, 12 years as an elementary principal, two years as a K–6 Math and Science coordinator, and five years as a classroom teacher. He currently serves as Assistant to the Superintendent for K–12 Teaching and Learning in Radnor Township School District. His leadership has consistently focused on fostering strong relationships, collaborative practices, and strategic systems that support continuous improvement.

His leadership has also resulted in measurable academic success. As principal of Chadds Ford Elementary, his school was consistently ranked among the top 10 elementary schools in Pennsylvania and was named the #1 elementary school in Chester County by NICHE. His strategic focus on curriculum development, instructional alignment, and data-informed decision-making has helped elevate student achievement across multiple districts.

Among his most notable accomplishments is the collaborative development and implementation of a district-wide K–12 Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) framework in Radnor, designed to address both academic and social-emotional needs of students. He also led the creation of the Innovation Design Studio (IDS)—a rigorous K–5 STEM and computer science program that engages students in engineering, design, and creative problem solving. These initiatives reflect his commitment to future-ready learning and student success.

Dr. Dutkiewicz holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Widener University, a Master’s in Educational Leadership from Immaculata University, and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from West Chester University. His certifications include Superintendent Letter of Eligibility, K–12 Principal, and K–6 Supervisor of Curriculum.

“I am extremely honored and excited to join the Octorara Area School District family as the next Superintendent of Schools,” said Dr. Dutkiewicz. “I greatly appreciate the Board’s support, commitment, and ongoing collaboration in working to foster a positive and productive school

community for our staff and students. I could not be more excited to bring my experiences, energy, and enthusiasm to the Octorara family. Together, we will do great things!”

“Throughout the interview process, Dr. Dutkiewicz impressed the Board with his thoughtful approach to leadership and his clear focus on students, staff, and families,” said Board President Matthew Hurley. “His commitment to fostering a positive school climate, building strong relationships, and advancing innovative programs like STEM education aligns well with our district’s goals. We are confident in his long-term dedication to Octorara and excited to welcome him into our Octorara family.”

The OASD Board of Directors extends its gratitude to all stakeholders who participated in the superintendent search process and looks forward to welcoming Dr. Dutkiewicz to the Octorara community.