



THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

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President Ms. Nina Graham	FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 2, 2018
Vice President Mr. Albert Butler	From: Thornton Township High School District 205 Board of Education Nina Graham, Board President
Secretary Mrs. Annette Whittington	
Member Mr. Ray C. Banks	THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205 SELECTS NEW SUPERINTENDENT
Member Ms. Leticia Cruz	Thornton Township High School District 205 includes Thornwood High School in South Holland, Thornridge High School in Dolton, and Thornton High School in Harvey, IL. District 205 Board of Education is pleased to announce the hiring of Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham to serve as its next Superintendent.
Member Mrs. Bernadette Lawrence	
Member Mrs. Almetta Vasser-Moody	Dr. Cunningham will replace Dr. Leotis Swopes who notified the Board of Education of his retirement at the end of his current contract on June 30, 2018. Dr. Cunningham will assume his responsibilities on July 1, 2018. The Board of Education's hiring decision is the culmination of a national search which produced a wide range of applicants interested in the open position. The Board of Education was intentional in gathering input from both community and academic stakeholders during this process, and was impressed with both the past experience and future vision of Dr. Cunningham.
Administrative Staff	
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Community Relations Jerry B. Doss, Ed.D.	Dr. Cunningham comes to our school district having previously served as Superintendent of Crete-Monee School District 201U, a school of similar size, means and demographics as District 205. Prior to becoming a superintendent, Dr. Cunningham served for five years as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources for McLean County Unit 5 Schools (serving approximately 13,000 students) and has 10 years of principal and associate principal experience at two other downstate schools. He first began his public education career in Danville, Illinois as a junior high teacher for six years. Prior to entering public education, Dr. Cunningham was a civil engineering project manager for the United States Air Force Academy for more than 10 years. He was bestowed with a doctorate of philosophy (Ph.D) from Illinois State University in 2016.
Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Operations Mr. Toriano Horton	Together with the faculty and community, the Board of Education welcomes Dr. Cunningham. We look forward to his leadership in bringing the very best education to the students of District 205.
Director of Innovative Curriculum and Instruction Mr. Brett Fickes	
Director of Pupil Personnel Services Mr. Thomas Porter	
Director of College and Career Partnerships Mr. John Arrington	
Director of Information Technology Mrs. Maria Brunson	

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