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## Important Update from the IUFSD Board of Education President, Brian Friedman

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August 18, 2023

Dear IUFSD Community,

I write with an important update regarding Dr. Kristopher Harrison, our superintendent of schools and the beginning of the school year.

As I shared in [my communication](#) of July 18, Dr. Harrison has been away from the district on medical leave and the Board anticipates Dr. Harrison's temporary absence continuing after the commencement of the 2023-24 school year, on September 5th. Given the uncertain timing of Dr. Harrison's return, the Board of Education will appoint Dr. Joel Adelberg as Acting Superintendent for the Irvington School District at its meeting on August 22, 2023. Dr. Adelberg's first day will be August 28, 2023.

After a forty year career in education, Dr. Adelberg recently retired from his position as superintendent of schools in the Bedford Central School District in Bedford, NY and is excited to lend his expertise and experience to supporting our district during this important time. We look forward to introducing him to our community.

We thank Dr. Gail Duffy for serving as Acting Superintendent position in Dr. Harrison's absence. Dr. Adelberg's addition to the district's talented administrative team will enable Dr. Duffy, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Human Resources, and Carol Stein, Assistant Superintendent of Business, to focus on their day-to-day responsibilities and advance the district's numerous strategic priorities.

We are confident that Dr. Adelberg's leadership and collaboration with our administrators, faculty and staff will ensure a successful start of the year for all of our families and for the District overall.

As Dr. Harrison's absence is due to a personal health matter, and in accordance with our legal obligations, we ask our community to continue to acknowledge and honor his right to privacy.

Sincerely,

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President, Irvington UFSD Board of Education

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