



November 17, 2021

Dear Woodland Hills School District parents and families,

As you may know, earlier this evening, the district's Board of School Directors voted to terminate the contract of superintendent Mr. James Harris. Below is a statement that will be released to the media. Please know that this decision was not made lightly, and does not reflect upon the good work of our staff or students. The board is currently determining next steps and we will provide more information as it becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Jamie Glasser, President
Woodland Hills School District

Woodland Hills School District Board of School Directors votes to terminate contract of superintendent James Harris

NORTH BRADDOCK – Nov. 17, 2021 – During its monthly legislative meeting on Wednesday, November 17, the Woodland Hills School District Board of School Directors voted to terminate the contract of superintendent James P. Harris by a vote of 8-1.

The district's Board of School Directors issued the following statement:

“After much discussion, the board has opted to go in a different direction with district leadership. This is not a decision that was taken lightly, but it is one that the board believes is necessary for the district to move forward. We thank Mr. Harris for his service as the district superintendent and will work with him to ensure a smooth transition.”

As a result of the vote and pursuant to his contract, Mr. Harris' tenure as superintendent of the Woodland Hills School District will expire December 17, 2021. A search for a new superintendent will begin immediately.

The next board meeting will take place on December 6, 2021. It will be a combined reorganization and legislative meeting.

The Woodland Hills School District is a public school district in Allegheny County that serves the communities of Braddock, Braddock Hills, Chalfant, Churchill, East Pittsburgh, Edgewood, Forest Hills, North Braddock, Rankin, Swissvale, Turtle Creek, and Wilkins Township.