

## **William S. McKersie, Ph.D. - Interim Superintendent**



It is with great pleasure that we announce Dr. William (Bill) McKersie as the Interim Superintendent for Hastings-on-Hudson for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Dr. McKersie comes to us after serving five years as superintendent at the Weston Public Schools in Weston, CT, one of the top performing public school districts in the nation. In Weston, he successfully guided the district through COVID and facilitated strategic priorities, seeking to produce global citizens through academic excellence, healthy learning environments, digital learning and technology, and multiple measures to gauge student progress. Before Weston, Dr. McKersie was the longest serving superintendent in over twenty years at Greenwich Public Schools in CT. There, he oversaw all educational, organizational, and financial aspects of the school system. In both districts, Dr. McKersie equally championed the arts and athletics.

Born in Hyde Park on the Southside of Chicago, Dr. McKersie was shaped at a young age by his parents' commitment to the Civil Rights Movement. This influenced his entire career as he worked for public, independent, and parochial schools, higher education institutions, and educational foundations. In all those places, he strove to collaborate, to take strong stands for the success and well-being of all students and faculty, and to base decisions on his fundamental beliefs in compassion, intellectual rigor, and connections to one another. Dr. McKersie received his Master's Degree from Harvard University Graduate School of Education and his Ph.D. from The University of Chicago.

Dr. McKersie has numerous accomplishments in his roles as a basketball and soccer coach, a senior program officer for two Midwest foundations, a university lecturer, an associate superintendent, and a superintendent. With all of that, it is his character that stood out most to the Board of Education. He impressed us as a keen listener, a clear and forthright communicator, and a mentor, ready to establish strong collaborative connections with all stakeholders

Please join us in welcoming Dr. McKersie to our community officially on August 1, 2021. Melissa Szymanski will serve as the Interim Superintendent for the month of July. Details will follow about times when parents and students can meet Dr. McKersie in person or virtually.

Sincerely,

Board of Education  
Hastings-on-Hudson UFSD