



Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr. Superintendent, Alexandria City Public Schools

Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr. is a graduate of T.C. Williams High School. He came up through the ranks of Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS), attending Patrick Henry and James K. Polk Elementary Schools, Mount Vernon Community School, and William Ramsay Elementary School followed by Francis C. Hammond Middle School. As a student, he was a member of the high school track and field team, the Future Business Leaders of America club and was senior class first vice president at T.C. Williams High School before graduating in 1995.

Prior to becoming a superintendent, Dr. Hutchings was the director of pre-K-12 initiatives and director of middle school programs with ACPS, where he launched the candidacy phase of the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme, which has since been implemented at Jefferson-Houston PreK-8 IB School. He also worked collaboratively with the curriculum department on the implementation of the new middle school curricula in ACPS.

In 2013, he became superintendent of Shaker Heights Schools, located in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio. Under his leadership, he collaborated with community stakeholders, administrators and teachers to close the achievement gap and ensure that students of all backgrounds had access to the resources, tools and opportunities needed to succeed. He became one of only eight superintendents in North America to lead a district offering the IB programme for all students at all grade levels, including pre-K. Dr. Hutchings also worked closely with school board members and administrators to develop and execute a strategic plan to realize the district's goals. He served five years as a superintendent before returning to ACPS as superintendent in July 2018. In the same year, he was selected for the National Superintendent of the Year Award by the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

An experienced educator and administrator, Dr. Hutchings served as a teacher and in leadership roles at the middle and high school levels as well as in central office administrative positions. He began his teaching career in Manassas at Prince William County Public Schools and then served as an assistant middle school principal with Chesterfield County Public Schools, near Richmond. In Nashville, Tennessee, he was promoted from an assistant high school principal to middle school principal. He was named Tennessee Middle School Principal of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Middle Schools for his role in increasing student achievement and becoming the number one middle school in metropolitan Nashville based on value-added.

Dr. Hutchings holds a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Old Dominion University and a master's in educational leadership from George Mason University. He earned a doctorate in educational policy, planning and leadership in 2010 from the College of William and Mary.

Dr. Hutchings and his wife Cheryl have two children.