

DEVON HORTON Ed. D

Biography

Since 2020 Dr. Devon Horton has served as the proud Superintendent of Evanston/Skokie School District 65, a pre-kindergarten through eighth grade school district just north of the City of Chicago. Dr. Horton is a native Chicagoan who was impacted by redlining and learned the true value of equity early. Throughout his experience across multiple states in education, from the lens of teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, Assistant Superintendent, Chief of Schools and now Superintendent, passion, persistence and powerful practices is his proven formula for success. Dr. Horton's research is focused on school leaders' impact on Turnaround Schools.

He is a Disruptive leader with an unwavering belief in the potential of success for all children. He has a proven track record of transforming educational institutions into sustainable high performing organizations. His accomplishments in leadership were rooted in Chicago Public Schools. Under Dr. Horton's leadership, every team that he has led develops a robust culture of equity-centered decision making. Data and research provides the target, but the art and science of teaching is where the magic happens for all marginalized students.

Dr. Horton is eager to support communities to help identify leaders and educators who have the desire and passion to make a difference in today's society. He is a leader who operates with a sense of urgency to create dramatic, systemic and rapid change. Dr. Horton is seen as an anti-racist leader across the nation and has presented his work at a number of local, regional, and national education-related conferences. He recently was honored the 2022 RTM National EdTech All Star award for his support in the field of education of other dynamic leaders.

Dr. Horton lives by the creed, "Equity in Action" and believes it is the only way to build systemic change with a focus on shifting policy, people and practice. He has built Urban Teacher Residency programs for three different school districts. These programs prioritize selecting and training future teachers who must have a strong belief in Anti-racist education. While serving in his third year as District 65 Superintendent, he was awarded the National Alliance of Black School Educators 2022/2023 Superintendent of the Year. Dr.

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Horton created and lives by the motto of "Students do not fail, it's the systems that we create as adults, that fail our students!"