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## **Joshua Starr is new CEO of PDK**

ARLINGTON, Va. — Following a nationwide search, the PDK International Board of Directors hired Joshua P. Starr as PDK's new chief executive officer.

Starr, who came on board in June, most recently was superintendent of the 154,000-student Montgomery County (Md.) Public Schools in suburban Washington, D.C. He replaces Bill Bushaw, who led PDK for 11 years. Bushaw is now executive director of the National Assessment Governing Board, which oversees the NAEP exam.

Starr began his career as a teacher in Brooklyn, N.Y., working with adolescents with severe emotional disabilities. He later served as director of accountability for the New York City public schools and as superintendent of the Stamford, Conn., schools.

Starr has a doctorate in education from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, a master's degree in special education from Brooklyn College, and a bachelor's degree in English and history from the University of Wisconsin. His three children attend public schools in Montgomery County.

On a related note, in June, the National Association of School Psychologists honored Starr with its 2015 Outstanding Advocate Award for his leadership and advocacy on behalf of Montgomery County Public School students and staff, as well as his commitment to expanding access to evidence-based school psychological services and social-emotional learning.

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