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Statement from Superintendent Katrina T. McCombs on the passing of Former Superintendent, Dr. Roy Dawson, Jr.

Camden, NJ – It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our esteemed former superintendent, Roy Dawson, Jr.. Dr. Dawson began his employment with the Camden City Board of Education in 1964, marking the beginning of a distinguished career that touched countless lives. He held various positions within our educational community, from teacher to grants administrator, eventually ascending to the roles of assistant superintendent and superintendent.

Dr. Dawson's impact on our district is immeasurable. During his tenure as superintendent, he played a pivotal role in the establishment of the district's Creative Arts and Brimm Medical Arts Academy, leaving behind an indelible mark on our educational community. Throughout his leadership, Dr. Dawson demonstrated unwavering dedication to the students, staff, and families of our district.

His visionary initiatives and tireless commitment to academic excellence have left a lasting legacy that continues to benefit generations of students. Dr. Dawson's compassionate approach to leadership, coupled with his dedication to nurturing artistic talent and advancing healthcare education, inspired all of us who had the privilege of working alongside him.

His impact on our district extended far beyond his time in office, and his contributions will always be remembered and celebrated. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Dr. Dawson's family during this difficult time. We share in their grief and loss and offer our support in any way we can.

To honor Dr. Dawson's memory, we will observe a special moment of silence during our September board meeting, followed by a student-led tribute to celebrate his life and legacy. On behalf of Superintendent McCombs and the Advisory Board Members, we extend our deepest sympathies to all those who knew and admired Dr. Dawson. He will be greatly missed, and his legacy as a visionary leader who championed the arts and medical education will continue to inspire us as we carry forward his vision for educational excellence.

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