

# NAACP & The Directors' Council Welcomes DMPS Superintendent, Dr. Ian Roberts

The Iowa-Nebraska NAACP, Des Moines Branch NAACP, and The Directors Council, and the were thrilled to present a welcome reception for Dr. Ian Roberts, the newly appointed Superintendent of Des Moines Public Schools. The event, hosted by Directors' Council Member & Iowa-Nebraska NAACP President, Betty Andrews, themed



“Hopes and Dreams” took place on Thursday September 28, 2023. Dr. Ian Roberts underscores both organizations’ commitment to ensuring access to a strong and inclusive public education for all students and supporting educators. Dr. Ian Roberts brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective to the district. This event provided an opportunity for community members, educators, students, and stakeholders to meet Dr. Roberts and engage in a meaningful dialogue around the theme of his “Hopes and Dreams for Students” and the future of education in our community.

Including Dr. Ian Roberts, TDC and the NAACP recognize there are now an unprecedented five African American school superintendents in Iowa, Dr. Anthony Pruitt of Ankeny, Dr. Julious Lawson of Ames, who were both in attendance at the reception; Dr. Tawana Grover of Cedar Rapids, and Dr. Corey Seymour of Clear Creek Amana. It should also be noted that Des Moines Public Schools and Cedar Rapids Community Schools are the largest districts in Iowa.

President Andrews presented Dr. Roberts, Dr. Lawson, and Dr. Pruitt with certificates of welcome on behalf of the NAACP and The Directors’ Council.

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