

Greetings,

It is a distinct honor to be appointed as the Ardsley UFSD's Superintendent, effective July 1st , 2018. I cannot express how excited I am to be a part of your amazing school district and community. I come back to Westchester County after 25 years in education, having served the Lockport City School District & Amherst Central School District in the Western New York region.

I have received a Bachelor's degree, two Master's degrees and my Doctorate. My 14 years of college education has been coupled with a quarter century of rich educational practice and leadership experience. This has positioned me well for the critical role of superintendent of this well-organized and high achieving school district.

More importantly than the above credentials -- I love education and being an educator. I genuinely care about people and doing what is best for children, families, faculty and staff, and the community I serve.

I am a firm believer of educating the "whole child" and supporting well-rounded programming -- creating opportunities for ALL learners to thrive. I embrace diversity; my past district had at least 22 home languages other than English and I supported English Language Learners throughout my tenure. Furthermore, it is important to strive for least restrictive environments for our Special Education students and assure that we meet and exceed the needs of all learners. Safety for our district is as always, a priority and I will continue the staunch leadership in this area. I am looking forward to learning more about Ardsley and the community so that I can support and guide this district.

Family is important to me. My wife, Patti, and I have 2 children that we are very proud of -- our daughter will be a sophomore in college and our son will be a freshman in college. I am looking forward to living within a few miles of my parents again.

Through my own research and experience I know that relationships, distributed (shared) leadership, and relational trust are three areas that are integral for a leader to find success and have a profound impact upon a district and community. This communication is a first step to begin building a positive relationship with you and fostering trust. I have learned a fair amount about the Ardsley UFSD and community in a short amount of time. I am a quick learner and look forward to spending the summer and first semester to listen and learn through the studying of documents, interfacing with key stakeholders, and observing the procedures in place.

Please know that I see myself as a great fit for this district and community. I take my work very seriously and hold myself to high expectations. I will work tirelessly in the best interest of all stakeholders and help assure that the Ardsley UFSD district continues to shine like a gem.