

Ardsley Names New Superintendent



The Ardsley Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Ryan Schoenfeld as the new Superintendent of the Ardsley Union Free School District effective July 1, 2018.

"We look forward to welcoming Dr. Schoenfeld to our district and introducing him to our entire community. Dr. Schoenfeld stood out among the field of candidates for his passion and proven track record in building strategic plans that support both academic success and overall student wellness," said Matt Bonney, President of the Ardsley Board of Education. "We felt he answered our needs, and would take the time to embrace our strong staff, diverse community, and our commitment to excellence for all of our students. We believe he will be a great fit for our District culture."

Dr. Schoenfeld is currently the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology in the Amherst Central School District, a suburb of Buffalo, NY. He has 25 years of experience in education, with 14 of those years as a principal in an elementary and junior high school.

"I am humbled and honored for the opportunity to be joining this outstanding learning community - it is truly a gem of a district," said Dr. Schoenfeld. "I look forward to building on the strong foundation already in place and will work tirelessly to serve the students, faculty, staff and families of the Ardsley School District."

The Ardsley Board of Education engaged a professional search consultant and chose Dr. Schoenfeld after a rigorous search process, which included input and feedback from students, parents, staff and community members. Consistent themes shared included a person who was passionate about the teaching/learning process, dedicated to continuous improvement, a strong communicator and collaborative leader focused on building positive relationships with all stakeholders. The Board unanimously agreed that Dr. Schoenfeld embodies these traits and was the right educational leader for Ardsley.

Dr. Schoenfeld was born in Queens, NY, raised in Westchester County, and graduated from Rye Neck High School. As a dedicated lifelong learner, he attended SUNY Albany for his undergraduate degree, Pace University for a Master's Degree in Education, and SUNY Buffalo for both a Master's Degree in School Administration and an Educational Doctorate. He is married with two children, his daughter is entering her sophomore year and his son is entering college in the fall. Dr. Schoenfeld will be transitioning to his new role with support from Dr. Allan who is retiring at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Dr. Schoenfeld's Introduction Letter

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.

The Ardsley Union Free School Board of Education welcomes your input during the superintendent search process. Please review the attached documents. We will continue to update this page as we move through the process.

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