

PLAINEDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Members of the Plainedge Community:

It's my honor to serve as Interim Superintendent during this period of transition. Though my time in this role will be brief, my commitment to supporting our students, staff, and families remains strong and unwavering.

Many of you may know me from my time as Principal of John H. West Elementary School. I had the privilege to serve in that role for 13 of my nearly 20 years within the Plainedge Public Schools. Prior to my time as the principal at West, I held a variety of positions within Plainedge Public Schools that included working directly with students, driving new curriculum, and leading district-wide initiatives. In addition to providing speech and language services to students from kindergarten through high school, I served as the CPSE Chairperson, helped to develop and serve as the coordinator for our children on the autism spectrum program, and revised the district's Kindergarten Orientation program creating the "Sail Into Kindergarten" experience for our incoming kindergarteners. As difficult as my decision was, I chose to retire in July 2019 to pursue other opportunities within the field of education. I have been serving as a faculty member at Molloy University preparing the next generation of educators and administrators

Plainedge is a very special place filled with amazing teachers, staff, students, and families. I want to reassure you that the important work of our district will continue without pause. Our focus remains clear: providing safe, supportive, and high-quality learning environments where every student achieves. I am grateful to our dedicated educators, staff, and administrators who bring this mission to life each day and to our families and community partners who support them.

As Interim Superintendent, my role – and my goal – is to provide stability and continuity until new leadership is in place. I will listen carefully, communicate openly, and work alongside our talented team to keep the district moving forward.

Transitions can bring both challenges and opportunities, and I am confident that the strength of this community will ensure continued success. Thank you for your partnership, your trust, and your steadfast support of our schools

With appreciation,

Carol F. Muscarella Interim Superintendent

