



Dear Dobbs Ferry Community,

I am truly excited to have officially joined the Dobbs Ferry School District this summer. In the remaining weeks leading up to the opening of school I am getting to know more about the District and the staff, teachers, and administrative team in particular. My first priority as Superintendent is to help the District continue the great work that is being done here, and to learn how I can help move our important initiatives forward, particularly as they relate to supporting students in such a way that we can make the most of each opportunity for teaching and learning.

As we go about this work, please know that I fully understand that the transition to a new superintendent is often a time of anxiety, but I hope to get to personally meet all of our school families and community stakeholders as soon as possible so that we can collectively focus on the important work that lies ahead.

In June, the District said farewell to 15 retirees, most who had been in the Dobbs Ferry Schools for over twenty years, and many who held key positions both in and out of the classroom. We are delighted to have filled almost all of those openings and are excited about our new hires and building a great team. You'll be meeting new faculty and staff in September.

I am eager to welcome our students back-to-school on **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** and look forward to working closely with the Board of Education and our Dobbs Ferry team in the coming months. In the days and weeks ahead, I will provide information on opportunities for “meet and greets” with parents and community members so that we can further enhance our partnerships to do great things for our students.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer and be well.

Sincerely,

*Ken Slentz*  
Superintendent  
Dobbs Ferry School District