

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Mahwah Administrators – Excited to Get Started!



Director of Curriculum and Instruction -

In his role as principal of Joyce Kilmer School in the district, Dr. DeTuro has set high expectations for student achievement and believes the primary responsibility of an educational leader is to continually enhance and improve the quality of instruction. During his work in Mahwah, Dr. DeTuro has worked with staff members and colleagues to implement the Reading and Writing Workshop Model, Professional Learning Communities as well as a number of other best practices.

Utilizing collaborative experiences that empower our teachers and staff to create a shared vision, Dr. DeTuro has helped to lead a school building from one that is in need of improvement to ranking in the “Top 100 Elementary Schools in the State of New Jersey.”

Dr. DeTuro’s dissertation and doctoral work was immersed in theoretical frameworks of Educational Leadership and Curriculum Development, where his topic focused on “The Influence of Curriculum Customization on Student Achievement in Language Arts and Mathematics.”

Additionally, Dr. DeTuro has served as the district security liaison, has sat on the district’s Future Ready School Committee, has been a member of the district’s Mindfulness Committee, as well as a number of other curricular committees, which has afforded him leadership experiences at the district level, as well. We are excited to have Dr. DeTuro as a part of our Central Office team!



K-5 Supervisor of Instruction –

We look to welcome Mrs. Jennifer Glebocki as the district's new Supervisor of Instruction, K-5! Mrs. Glebocki has served as a fourth grade teacher in Dumont, as well as an elementary teacher as she worked in Cresskill Public Schools' gifted and talented and enrichment programming. Mrs. Glebocki has served as the Supervisor of Special Projects for Cresskill Public Schools, where she observed and evaluated staff, where she oversaw the district's G-Suite initiative, and where she coordinated staff-specific programs.

Mrs. Glebocki earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and her master of arts in teaching in elementary education from Quinnipiac University. Mrs. Glebocki then earned her master's degree in educational leadership from Ramapo College.

We look forward to working with Mrs. Glebocki in growing our elementary program and targeting instruction across the district, especially as it relates to language arts and mathematics and vertical articulation with our secondary content area supervisors.



Joyce Kilmer Principal-

We welcome Mr. Joshua Chuy to the position of Joyce Kilmer Principal! Mr. Chuy has served as a third, fourth, and fifth grade English language arts and social studies teacher for Paterson Public Schools. Through this role, Mr. Chuy also worked as a lead teacher.

Most recently, Mr. Chuy has served as assistant principal of Rosa Parks Community School, a pre-kindergarten-grade 7 building, which is a part of Orange Public Schools. Mr. Chuy's resume expresses Mr. Chuy as a dedicated, determined, and goal-driven administrator with a solid commitment to the social and academic growth and development of every student.

Mr. Chuy earned his bachelor's degree in communication studies and his master's degree in administration and supervision from Montclair State University. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Chuy to our administrative team!



Joyce Kilmer Principal, Interim Assistant Principal

Christine Giancola will serve as Joyce Kilmer's interim assistant principal. Mrs. Giancola possesses a bachelor's degree in physical education and health from Montclair State University, along with a master's degree in urban education from New Jersey City University, where she also earned her supervisor and principal certification. Although now retired, Mrs. Giancola has served as a vice principal and principal for New Milford Schools, a principal for Cliffside Park Schools, an interim principal for Bogota Board of Education, and is returning to Mahwah after serving in the capacity as an interim assistant principal at Joyce Kilmer School during the 2013-2014 school year. We look forward to Mrs. Giancola being a part of our team for the first-half of this upcoming school year!



Ramapo Ridge Middle School Principal -

We welcome Mr. Brian Cory as our new principal of Ramapo Ridge Middle School! Mr. Cory has served as a middle school special education teacher for Belmar Public Schools. Most recently, Mr. Cory served as the vice principal of Tenafly High School, where he has been in the role for the last 14 years. Mr. Cory's references cite Mr. Cory as a "tremendous leader" who is "bright, professional, well-read, and well-networked." Mr. Cory works to bring people together and "is extremely balanced when working through challenges."

Mr. Cory earned his bachelor's degree in special education from Clemson University and his master's degree in administration, supervision, and curriculum planning from Georgian Court College. We look forward to working with Mr. Cory as he starts off the school year this upcoming fall!



Acting Assistant Principal, Ramapo Ridge Middle School

Mrs. Miriam Lezanski has served as Supervisor of World Languages, grades 6-12, for the past 11 years in Mahwah Public Schools. Mrs. Lezanski has earned her bachelor's degree in French from Montclair State University, along with a master's degree in Second Language Acquisition from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Mrs. Lezanski has also earned her supervisor and principal certification. Over the course of her work in district, Mrs. Lezanski has also supervised our performing arts, visual arts, and ESL programs. In this capacity, Mrs. Lezanski has worked with a variety of staff members, focusing efforts on programmatic shifts. Through this role, Mrs. Lezanski has also worked closely with parents and students to focus on student growth. As a veteran supervisor in our district, Mrs. Lezanski has built a reliability and credibility amongst her colleagues. In the capacity of interim assistant principal, Mrs. Lezanski will be able to utilize her relationship-building skills to connect with students, colleagues, and community. Particularly, Mrs. Lezanski has a love for middle-level education, as her teaching experience stems from the middle school setting. We look forward to having her in this new role through the 2018-2019 school year, as the Acting Assistant Principal of Ramapo Ridge Middle School!



Acting Supervisor of World Language, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and ESL - Mrs. Katherine Boshart has a great deal of experience with both curriculum and instruction, and in her most recent role as assistant principal for Public School 2 in Manhattan, Mrs. Boshart brings with her a wealth of knowledge related to teacher evaluation, as well as her work with different personnel. Earning her bachelor's degree in Psychology from Emory University, along with achieving her master's degree in Childhood Education and Special Education, Literacy, and Administration and Supervision, Mrs. Boshart is excited to join our administrative team in working to maintain our departments and to help them flourish over the course of the 2018-2019 school year!