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From the Director's Desk

Greetings parents and students,

As we close out the 2021–22 school year, I cannot help but reflect on everything our students have accomplished. It has been an incredible year of success and achievement.

I think of our graduates whose last traditional school year was their freshman year of high school. How all our students adapted to a complete overhaul of the school system, and how, despite all the challenges of the last few years, they persevered.

You will see evidence of that celebrated within the pages of this newsletter, spotlighting a few of our students and their incredible achievements of the past year. I invite all of you to contact us with your student accomplishments so we can continue to highlight the tremendous work they do every single day.

Our students are successful due to the steady, continuous partnership and commitment to education our parents provide to their children. Thank you for all you do at home to support your student in and out of the classroom.

As Dr. Cooper, co-founder of the Urban-Suburban program, shared with us during the Virtual Award Ceremony, a key to moving forward is to know where you have been and to build upon that history. To all of our students, take a moment to celebrate all you've accomplished over the past year and make a renewed commitment to yourself to keep on building off that success. By moving forward, you are unstoppable.

Sincerely,

Felicia A. Smith
Program Director



Congratulations to Ms. Tawanda Johnson!



After serving Urban-Suburban with distinction for over three decades, Ms. Tawanda Johnson is retiring

Tawanda has over 30 years of dedicated service to the families, students, partners, schools and staff of the Urban-Suburban program.

To say she is a key member of the program is an understatement—Tawanda is often the first person a parent or school connects with when calling the Urban-Suburban team. She troubleshoots and solves their concerns and is instrumental to the program’s success.

Anyone who has interacted with Tawanda knows how much she cares about the students—which is reflected in the way she continues to go above and beyond to meet their needs.

The Urban-Suburban team notes that Ms. Tawanda has demonstrated immeasurable talent, wisdom, dedication, and honesty in reaching the program’s goals and mission. This year, a special award—the Pearl Award—was created in Ms. Tawanda's honor to acknowledge her service.

We hope she enjoys her well-deserved time off as she enters into retirement.

Tawanda, we appreciate you for your lifetime of service to the Urban-Suburban program—and know you will be truly missed by our staff, our partnering schools, and our students.

Thank you to our Scholarship Committee!



A group of parents, high school administrators, and counselors volunteered their time to serve on our committee this year.

Thank You!

Parents:

- **Edi McNeil**, *West Irondequoit*
- **Cavelle Mighty**, *Wheatland-Chili*
- **Monifa Batiste**, *Penfield*
- **A.J. James**, *East Rochester*
- **Shaquana Divers**, *East Rochester*
- **Sylvanna King**, *Brockport*
- **Yoshida Blackman**, *Fairport*

High School Principal:

- **LeAnna Watt**, *Penfield*

High School Counselor:

- **Nathan Miller**, *Penfield*

They dedicated their time on Saturday, May 7 to review all of the criteria and allocate the funds raised.

Through money provided from voluntary contributions, annual family dues, and program fundraisers, Urban-Suburban was able to raise \$20,500 for our students!

The scholarship was established in 1985, building off a \$3,000 grant donated by the Reidman Coportation of Rochester. Through a commitment by the Urban-Suburban staff and families, program parents have awarded nearly \$342,500 to program graduates.

Interested in serving on next year's committee?

We welcome volunteers from each district to join us on the first Saturday in May to serve on the committee. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Please contact Program Director Felicia Smith if you are interested in participating by emailing Felicia_Smith@boces.monroe.edu.

Congratulations to the following students who earned an Urban-Suburban Scholarship this year!

- **Jac Burch**, *Brighton High*
- **Olivia Martinez**, *Brighton High*
- **Xavier Zayas**, *Brockport High*
- **Jayden Asbie**, *Brockport High*
- **Chaunsey Gilbert**, *East Rochester*
- **Marie Mekoyo-Bakou**, *East Rochester*
- **Caleb Wilcox**, *East Rochester*
- **Rae Diamond**, *Eastridge High*
- **Eriel Young**, *Eastridge High*
- **Jhanai Joseph**, *Fairport High*
- **Janiyah Powell**, *Fairport High*
- **Jewel Walker**, *Fairport High*
- **Tori Wilson**, *Fairport High*
- **O Mai Ya**, *Fairport High*
- **Mahogane Bailey**, *Fairport High*
- **Joshua Banda**, *Penfield High*
- **Courtney Felton**, *Penfield High*
- **Hamid Jalloh**, *Penfield High*
- **Ja'Vyon Winston**, *Penfield High*
- **Evan Nesmith**, *Pittsford Mendon High*
- **Lance Marriott**, *Pittsford Sutherland*
- **Tre Reese**, *Pittsford Sutherland*
- **Jhavanie Napier**, *Spencerport High*
- **Tarah Haley**, *West Irondequoit*
- **Leilah Rosario**, *West Irondequoit*
- **Starr Wiggins**, *West Irondequoit*



Thank You

to our Community Partners

We would like to extend our appreciation to a number of community partners. These local businesses help support a number of our ongoing programs and events for our students.

Target

A number of materials were donated by Target for this year's graduation cap decorating contest for our seniors.

Wegmans

for a number of items donated, including gift cards, throughout the year that are used for speakers and family events.

Penfield Trophies

for the incredible awards we are able to provide to our students following the Virtual Award Ceremony.

Monroe One Educational Foundation

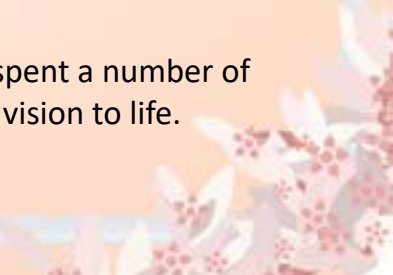
for ongoing support, including donations for the grad cap contest and for the scholarships given to students through the Foundation.

Dr. Walter Cooper

for his vision in pioneering our program and his unwavering support of our students. We are grateful for his participation in this year's Virtual Award Ceremony as well.

Volunteers

including our alumni **Shatera Bigham** and **Wayne Williams** who spent a number of hours voicing our Virtual Award Ceremony and bringing the vision to life.



Congratulations to the Urban-Suburban 2022 graduating class!

The 2022 graduating class will soon begin the next phase of a magnificent journey. Many will pursue a post-secondary education, while others will go into the military or enter the workforce. Whatever path is chosen, we wish them nothing but success.

Brighton High School



Damitriana Alexander
Daemen University
Major: RN to NP



Cory Astacio
Entering the Workforce



K'Vaughn Austin
MCC
Major: Engineering/IT



Olivia Bloss
Shear Ego International
School of Hair Design
Major: Licensed Esthetician



Jac Burch*
Fullsail University
Major: Film



Zeniya Day
Alfred State College
Major: Business
Administration



Olivia Martinez*
Nazareth College (*tentatively*)
Major: Occupational
Therapy



Melianie Perez
Entering the Workforce



Diago Roman
Year in Germany or MCC,
then moving abroad



Bri'Anna Taggart
Rochester Educational
Opportunity Center
Major: Cosmetology



Christian Wilson
MCC
Major: Automotive Program

Brockport High School



Karen Anderson
Roberts Wesleyan College
Major: RN



Jayden Asbie*
SUNY Brockport
Major: Computer Science



Journie Jones
Future Plans: Undecided
Entering the Workforce



Xavier Zayas*
RIT
Major: Mechanical
Engineering

East Rochester High School



Chase Edens
Entering the Workforce



Chaunsey Gilbert*
SUNY Morrisville; Major:
Business Administration
College Football



Tianna Gunner
Entering the Workforce



Belahna Hanna
Entering the Workforce



Christian Jones
Plans to attend
Trade School



Marie Mekoyo-Bakou*
Plans to attend a Four-Year
College Majoring in
Pre-Med to be a Surgeon



TaJaye Nelson-Johnson
Entering the Workforce



Caleb Wilcox*
North Carolina A & T
Major: Mechanical
Engineering

Eastridge High School



Wilson Andujar



Rae Diamond*
University of Albany
Major: Business Management



Julianny Guzman
University of Rochester
Major: Biology



Enrique Irizarry
MCC, 2+2 Program
Major: Automated Manufacturing & Machining



Antoine Moore
Buffalo State
Major: Undecided



Jaymar Scott
Trades Apprenticement



Anajee Williams
St. John Fisher
Major: Nursing



Eriel Young*
St. John Fisher
Major: Nursing

Fairport High School



Mahogane Bailey*
University of Pittsburgh
Major: Biology - Plans to become Athletic Trainer



Jhanai Joseph*
Albany State
Major: Architecture/
Interior Design



Arnold Koumassou
Plans to attend college/
Undecided



Christopher Nelson
D'Youville University
Plans to become a
Chiropractor



Janiyah Powell*
North Carolina
Central University
Major: Criminal Justice



Jewel Walker*
Albany University
Major: Psychology
Minor: Criminal Justice



Bruce Wilder
FLCC
Basketball &
Graphic Art Design



Tori Wilson*
College at Saint Rose
Major: Forensic Psychology



O Mai Ya*
Rochester Institute of
Technology
Major: Biology



Ishaq Zerom
MCC
Major: Teaching

Penfield High School



Joshua Banda*
MCC
Major: Mechanical
Engineering



Courtney Felton*
Roberts Wesleyan
Major: Physical Therapy
Women's Soccer Team



Darrin Greene
MCC
Major: Undecided



Hamid Jalloh*
Howard University
Major: Medical



Jai'Sean Miller
Finger Lakes
Community College
Major: Culinary



Angelica Rivera



Troyrod Smith
Entering the Workforce



Ja'Vyon Winston*
MCC, 2+2 Program
Major: Business
Administration

Pittsford Mendon High School



Marcus Austin
Rochester Institute of
Technology



Kiar Edwards
Buffalo State
Major: Undecided



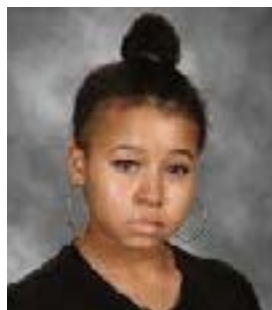
Evan Nesmith*
Cornell University
Major: Computer
Information Sciences



Kyara Owens



Kelis Ruiz
Temple University
Major: Bioengineering



Kirsten Ruiz
Canisius College
Major: Biology

Pittsford Sutherland High School



Brielle Clark
Continental Beauty School
Major: Cosmetology; then
MCC, Major: Criminal Justice



Lance Marriott*
Emory University
Major: Accounting



Tre Reese*
RIT
Major: Computer
Information Technology



Savien Richards
Paul Smith College
Major: Culinary



Jadelyn Torres
MCC
Major: Sign Language
Certification



Chase Ward
Buffalo State
Major: Mechanical
Engineering

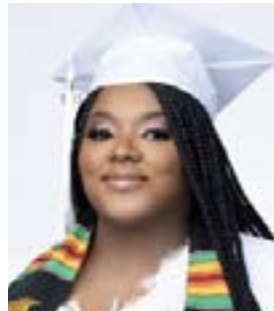


Jaylen Wims
Geneseo
Major: Physical Therapy -
Medical

Spencerport High School



Jocelyn Colon
MCC



Zuri Cotton
SUNY Brockport
Major: Psychology



Te'Jon McCadney
College Undecided
Major: Sports Marketing



Jhavanie Napier*
Florida A&M University
Major: Nursing



Persia Thompson
University of Buffalo
Major: Nurse Practitioner

West Irondequoit High School



Damon Brumfield



Michelle Cox



Dylan daSilva
MCC, 2+2 Program
Major: Optics



DaMarion Delgado-Harris
MCC, Major: Business Administration



Jahira Drumgoole
Entering the Workforce



Michael Feldman
Joining the
US Marine Corps



Tarah Haley*
Belmont University
Major: Early Childhood Education



Cristian Hernandez
Entering the Workforce



A'miyah Nunn
Georgia State University
Major: Psychology



JaKayla Reed



Leilah Rosario*
SUNY Brockport
Major: Nursing



Jason Tetta
MCC, 2+2 Program, RIT
Major: Psychology



Myron Thompson
Entering the Workforce



Starr Wiggins*
MCC then NC
Major: Business Management
Minor: Legal Studies

Wheatland-Chili High School



Justin Gross
College Undecided
Major: Business



Aailaya McIntire-Lewis
Completing requirements
for CNA, then college for LPN



Auri Palmer
FLCC
Major: Horticulture

Student Spotlights

AJ is a 2nd grader at Helendale Road School in the East Irondequoit Central School District. He was recognized for being a role model in the classroom at Helendale.

His teachers said, “AJ truly cares about his friends and his teachers. He shows HEART every day!”

Sabella is a 5th grader at Durand Eastman. She received a certificate for perfect attendance during the school year.



AJ



Sabella

Bringing in the awards!



Rae



Rae at AVID decision day



Eriel

East Irondequoit students **Rae** and **Eriel** received the Urban-Suburban Scholarship.

Rae is also pictured at AVID decision day, where East Irondequoit AVID seniors celebrated their college decision with AVID 8th graders. The event celebrates a senior’s college choice AND shows 8th graders what the finish line looks like. Rae will be attending SUNY Albany this fall—congratulations!

Eriel was ranked in the top 20 students at Eastridge and earned a number of scholarships—the class of 1983 Friendship Award, the Dr. Odell Scholarship, the Irondequoit Rotary—Dr. Joseph Arieno ‘Service Above Self’ Award, the Urban-Suburban Scholarship, the Eastridge Class of 1962 Trailblazer Scholarship, AND the East Irondequoit Teachers’ Association Scholarship. WHEW! Eriel will be attending St. John Fisher—congratulations!

East Irondequoit student creates assembly focusing on cultures, respect



Mariah is a fifth-grader at East Irondequoit CSD, where she is a member of the Student Culture and Climate Committee.

Mariah and the other students on the committee created an assembly that focused on the various cultures at her school, Durand Eastman.

The classmates on the committee created the entire assembly by themselves and presented their work to the entire school!

The Durand Eastman Student Culture and Climate Committee focuses on what they can do to create positive energy and how the school can improve.

The groups address topics like respect and differences. Most importantly, the meetings teach students to be civic-minded and actively participate in their community—a life lesson they will carry with them long after they leave Durand Eastman.

East Rochester student crowned Miss New York's Outstanding Teen

Dajania James is now representing the entire State of New York as she heads to Dallas for a chance to earn the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen.

A junior at East Rochester High School, Dajania has been in the Urban-Suburban program since seventh grade. Her resume is long and impressive; Vice-President of the National Honor Society, Captain of the Senior Company Dance Team at the Floor Dance Company, a member of Jack and Jill of America Inc, and host of the teen-based radio show called "Simply Supreme" on 100.9 WXIR.

Those are just a few of her accomplishments, and now she can add Miss New York's Outstanding Teen to that list.

The Miss America Organization hosts a Miss America's Outstanding Teen program, which provides a year of service to candidates as they have opportunities to earn scholarships, develop public speaking skills, engage in community activism, and network with professionals from around the state and nation.

Dajania was representing the Rochester region during the state competition over Memorial Day weekend. She is noted on the organization's website for her social impact mission of Amplifying Underrepresented Youth Through Media.

During the event, she won the Overall Interview portion and went on to be crowned the winner, earning the title of Miss New York's Outstanding Teen.

You can follow her journey through social media using the handle @MAOteenNY on both Facebook and Instagram.



West Irondequoit student earns Educational Foundation Scholarship



A'miyah Nunn has received the Monroe One Educational Foundation's scholarship for the 2021–22 school year!

She is graduating from West Irondequoit High School and has been accepted to Georgia State University in Atlanta where she will study Psychology.

The President of the Educational Foundation, Beverly Hooper, and Urban-Suburban Program Director, Felicia Smith, presented the scholarship to A'miyah.

The Educational Foundation was established to foster, encourage, and enrich academic programs for Monroe One students, which includes those attending the Urban-Suburban program.

Every year, the Foundation works with program staff to select a student from each program to receive a scholarship.

Pittsford Sutherland student recognized as ESL College Scholarship recipient

Tre Reese was selected as one of ten outstanding students from the Finger Lakes region. He was presented a scholarship from the ESL Federal Credit Union for his accomplishments in school.

As part of the ceremony, Tre was recognized for being a steward in elevating minority voices in his school community.

On Tre's poster, he wrote, "we were able to help appoint a diversity coordinator who has begun helping all the Pittsford schools provide inclusivity and equality to all students and give us minorities an outlet to voice our experiences and issues throughout the school system.

"I gave the vice principal the idea of organizing a meeting each Friday morning to allow all minority students to meet and talk to each other. This is done to begin healthy fellowships, give a platform for everyone to voice their thoughts and opinions on any issues that may arise throughout their schooling journey, and most importantly, allow us to help each other."

The ESLFCU scholarships total \$20,000, which is divided up among the students selected for the award.



Seniors create works of art on their graduation caps

This year, the Urban-Suburban team put on a graduation cap decorating contest—complete with prizes and donated craft materials for students to use.

Here are a few examples of those student-created pieces of art!



District Updates

Brighton

New Principal for French Road Elementary

LaShara Evans has been named as the French Road Elementary School Principal.

“We could not be more excited to have this exceptional leader and educator join our team,” School Superintendent Dr. McGowan said. “There is no doubt that Ms. LaShara Evans’ many talents, experiences, and incredible depth will make an outstanding group even better! I am so impressed and inspired by her.”



LaShara Evans

Evans has been the Principal at Flower City School #54 in the Rochester City School District since 2019. Prior to that, she was an Assistant Principal, Expanded Learning Resource Coordinator, Math Instructional Guide, and taught grades 4 through 6 in Rochester schools. She is also an instructor at the University of Rochester’s Warner School of Education. Evans earned a bachelor’s degree in health and society, a master’s degree in education, and an administrative certification all from the University of Rochester. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in teaching and curriculum from the University of Rochester. Evans, a Rochester native, sits on the boards of SAVE Rochester and Person Centered Housing Options, and is the Executive Director of First Community Interfaith Institute, Inc.

She will begin serving as principal in the 2022–23 school year, working with the current FRES principal Maurin Jeffries to ensure a smooth transition. Jeffries will be returning to Council Rock Primary School as the Assistant Principal.

Director of Visual and Performing Arts, Instructional Technology, and Data Compliance hired for Brighton Central School District

Dr. Tracie Glazer will join the district, coming from Hillel Community Day School where she served as Head of School.



Dr. Tracie Glazer

Superintendent Dr. McGowan stated she has demonstrated heart, soul, limitless compassion, and exceptional intellect.

“There is no question that she will provide our highly successful visual and performing arts program with the leadership and support they need to continue their unique and long tradition of excellence,” he added, explaining she will provide staff with forward thinking and responsive leadership in the ever-growing instructional technology space.

Dr. Glazer will work with Director of Innovative Student Learning Dr. Mike Liener to ensure the transition is smooth for everyone. Dr. Liener is retiring after providing great leadership in the District in his current role and previously as an assistant principal at BHS.

Twelve Corners Middle School teacher wins Golden Apple award



Katie Kantz was named the winner of the weekly Golden Apple award presented by WROC.

The news station wrote, “Mrs. Kantz teaches social studies and English at Twelve Corners Middle School in Brighton. In her classroom, it’s about more than being a good student, it’s about learning how to be a good human being too.”

She was nominated by her student Isabella Williams, who told the reporter that Mrs. Kantz helped her enjoy school again.

“She’s a very good teacher, she’s energetic, she makes me love reading and writing and learning in general, and she introduced me to my best friends,” Williams said in the interview, adding that her teacher inspired her love of reading and writing, which is why she is now involved in the school’s newspaper club.

The principal is quoted as saying Mrs. Kantz will do anything she can to make the school a better place for not only her students, but for her colleagues as well.

East Rochester

Alicia Shippy appointed secondary school principal

The East Rochester Union Free School District is pleased to announce Alicia Shippy has been appointed as principal of East Rochester Middle Level Academy and High School. Ms. Shippy was formally appointed to the position at the special Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 and began her new role July 1, 2022.

Prior to joining East Rochester Union Free School District, Alicia served as the Burger Junior High School Assistant Principal for the Rush-Henrietta Central School District. During her time at Rush-Henrietta CSD, Alicia worked closely with students in grades 7–9, helped to support teachers across multiple disciplines, as well as facilitated Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, social-emotional learning and diversity, equity and inclusivity work at Burger. She also played an integral role in the Instructional Support and Mental Health teams.



Alicia Shippy

Honeoye Falls-Lima

New principals set to begin in HF-L for upcoming school year

Students at Manor Intermediate School and HF-L Middle School will be greeted by new principals in the 2022–23 school year.

Ms. Joelle Weaver who has been serving as the Assistant Principal at the Manor Intermediate School since 2013 was appointed as the new Manor Intermediate School Principal.

“Joey is an integral part of the community, hands on, continuously looking for ways to improve, and epitomizes what we say when we discuss Cougar Pride,” said Superintendent Gene Mancuso.

Weaver is well-known to the HF-L community with her involvement across the school district ranging from the arts, music, and athletics and in her current role as the Assistant Principal at Manor. Weaver is an enthusiastic, student-centered, and resourceful educator with over 15 years of educational experience whose goal is to foster a culture of continuous improvement at Manor.

Mr. Jason Juszczak, who is currently completing his fifth year as the Principal of Longridge Elementary School in the Greece Central School District has been appointed as the new Principal of HF-L Middle School.

Juszczak is an experienced educator who taught for 16 years in the Pittsford Central School District and is currently a tenured school building administrator who has had success throughout his career.

Hilton

Hilton Central Schools welcomes two new leaders

A new principal and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction will join the team in Hilton.

Melissa Perkowski, who has been serving as interim assistant principal, was appointed to the position of Northwood Elementary School principal beginning July 1.

Perkowski has experience as an interim administrator in the Gates Chili Central School District, and as director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment at Honeoye Central School District.

Kristen Paolini is also starting a new position, appointed as the district’s Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. She will replace Dr. Barbara Surash who has retired.

Paolini comes to the district from Spencerport CSD, where she served as the K–12 Director of Curriculum. A resident of Hilton, Paolini’s four children all attend the district she will now serve.



Melissa Perkowski



Kristen Paolini

Monroe One BOCES

Monroe One launches reimagined Mission and Vision

Building off years of work dedicated to restorative practices, Monroe One reimagined its Mission and Vision statements to reflect its focus on equity in education.

Urban-Surburban is a proud partner of Monroe One, with Program Director Felicia Smith serving on the BOCES Champions Team which spearheaded the organization's efforts around diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Mission Statement

To cooperatively meet the evolving needs of all learners, educators, and district partners.

Vision Statement

As an educational organization, Monroe One actively engages in fostering an equitable, diverse, and inclusive culture that will empower every student, family, and staff to grow and thrive.

Pillars of Equity

Collaboration, Community, Compassion, Commitment

Work is already underway to extend the work centering on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Every building will have a team in place to create structure for program- and building-level support, surveys are being developed to bring in parent and student voices, professional learning is underway for all staff, the code of conduct is under review, to name a few examples.

To explore Monroe One's journey in equity, visit monroe.edu/Equity.

Penfield

Inclusion Week at Penfield CSD

At the end of the 2021–22 school year, the Penfield Central School District put on a wonderful celebration: Inclusion Week.

As part of being Champions for Change, Penfield held a district-wide celebration that included spirit days and events. Those days included signing the Inclusion Banner to show students and staff are committed to being inclusive, wearing black and yellow to BEE inclusive, and hosting a Team Penfield Day.



Bay Trail Middle School will have a new principal for the upcoming school year

Dr. Robert Snyder began his role as the Bay Trail Middle School principal on July 1, 2022. He comes from the Rochester City School District where he has served as the principal/assistant principal of Mary McLeod Bethune School #45.

Dr. Snyder studied at the University of Rochester, holding a doctorate in School Leadership, a master's degree in 7–12 Social Studies and Special Education, and a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

"I am honored by the opportunity to serve the Penfield community," Dr. Snyder said. "I am excited to support the district's rigorous academic standards while also supporting its work related to diversity, equity and inclusion."

Dr. Snyder replaces Winton Buddington, who is retiring after 18 years with the Penfield Central School District. He began his new position as of July 1.



Dr. Robert Snyder

Rush-Henrietta

Rush-Henrietta Senior High School named Project Lead the Way Distinguished School

For the third year in a row, Rush-Henrietta has received national recognition through Project Lead the Way.

Project Lead the Way, or PLTW, says it “empowers millions of students across the U.S. to unlock their potential by developing in-demand, real-world knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in life beyond the classroom.”

The Distinguished Program Recognition celebrates districts and schools committed to helping students own their education by increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs.

The district is one of only five schools in New York to receive the designation.

Webster

Webster CSD Administration Updates

Webster CSD is pleased to announce that Brian Neenan was named superintendent of schools in November 2021. Mr. Neenan began his career in education as a Fairport CSD high school math and computer science teacher from 1996–2005. He went on to pursue his career in educational administration with Victor CSD as an assistant principal at Victor Junior High from 2005–2009.

Webster CSD was fortunate to welcome Mr. Neenan who joined the district as principal of Willink Middle School in 2009, a leadership role he held until 2013. In 2013, Mr. Neenan went on to serve in a dual role as Webster CSD’s assistant superintendent for instruction and deputy superintendent (beginning in 2015–April 2021) and interim superintendent of schools (April 2021–October 2021).

The district also congratulates Erin Land, who has been named assistant superintendent of instruction. Previously, Mrs. Land served Webster CSD as director of elementary education, principal of Klem Road South Elementary School, and assistant principal of Klem South ES, along with other leadership positions within the district. She began her career with Webster CSD in fall 2000 as a fourth grade teacher at Klem South ES.

Lisa Benson has been named Webster CSD’s One Webster Learning Center (OWL) elementary administrator. Ms. Benson previously served the district as a behavioral intervention specialist and school psychologist.

Webster CSD also welcomes Emily “Emma” Chomyn as its new director of student services. She joins the district from Adams 12 Five Star Schools in Thornton, Colorado.

Lastly, the district also gives a warm welcome to Erin Zeller, a new assistant principal at Willink Middle School. Ms. Zeller previously worked with Fairport CSD.

Congratulations to all of WCSD’s leadership team.



Brian Neenan



Erin Land



Visit the Urban-Suburban Program website at:

www.monroe.edu/US

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