

Tantasqua/Union 61 Schools Community,

As your new Superintendent, I am aware I am following in the footsteps of remarkable individuals. Dr. Nosek and all of her predecessors left their mark on the District with many achievements and, most importantly, their strong commitment to the students and staff of Tantasqua Regional and Union 61 schools. Having worked for these districts for many years, I am aware of the distinct characteristics each of our five member communities hold. I also understand the challenges that come in melding our member towns into one outstanding regional school district for secondary education, while maintaining their individual and diverse personalities at the elementary level. As a resident as well as an educator, my passion for these school communities runs deep. I am committed to drawing on my experiences with our districts, as well as being open to new perspectives going forward, to provide our educational communities with the support systems needed to ensure that every child succeeds.

Our six separate school districts are now beginning the 2022-2023 budget process. School committees are beginning their page by page budget reviews to decide on service needs and financial requests to bring forward to public hearings in March. Once official votes are taken, these figures move forward as formal requests for funding for the next school year. In the spring, each of our member towns will hold their annual town meeting. This is a critical time for the towns and their schools. I strongly encourage every member of our communities to attend and participate in your town meeting. This form of government still allows each person the opportunity to speak to issues, and to cast their vote, in a system where every vote does count.

As we look forward to the warmth of spring, I am confident that all stakeholders in our district will continue to work together, providing, as we have for the past 50+ years, the best possible educational environment and programs for our students. I look forward to working with you all.

Sincerely,

Deborah J Boyd
Superintendent of Schools
Tantasqua/Union 61