



LEONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dear Parents, Guardians and the Communities of Leonia and Edgewater:

It is with great sadness that the Leonia Board of Education announces the retirement of Joanne Megargee, Superintendent of Leonia Schools. In the district for almost 27 years, Mrs. Megargee has led our district with phenomenal warmth, strength, compassion and dedication. She began her career as a student teacher right here in Leonia in 1991, serving as teacher, principal of Anna C. Scott School, Assistant Superintendent, and becoming Superintendent in July, 2011.

During her exceptional tenure, our district has experienced growth in academics, technology and infrastructure, and programs. Additionally, she was named Bergen County Superintendent of the year for the county in 2017, an honor well deserved. The staff who have had the pleasure of working with her have looked to her as a true leader, educator and friend. During her tenure she also took the time to know everyone as best she could, and found a way to drive each person's individual best through her kindness, thoughtfulness and generous spirit. Mrs. Megargee faced every challenge with a smile and always looked towards the positive in every situation. The children and families, of both Leonia and Edgewater, have been so fortunate to have Mrs. Megargee at the helm and she will be greatly missed. We wish her every happiness as she embarks on the next chapter in her story and look forward to seeing her continue to smile with her family and grandchildren.

Mrs. Megargee will continue on with the district until the end of the school year. The Board of Education is in the process of forming a search committee for a new Superintendent of Leonia. We are thankful that Mrs. Megargee will assist the committee in their quest to find another outstanding Chief School Administrator to lead our school district.

Sincerely,

Lisa Klein

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President
Leonia Board of Education