



Building Bridges for today's students to cross into tomorrow's world with equity, innovation and optimism

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Dear School Community:

It is with great pleasure that Nyack Public Schools announce the appointment of our new Director of Technology and Innovation, Darleen Nicolosi.

This position of DOT&I was created last year as part of our District's 5-Year Technology Plan for which we envision ***"a technology infrastructure that is modern, robust and flexible, designed to exceed curricular needs and goals, that is safe, secure, and respectful of individual identity and privacy, and that will prepare students for the technology experiences they will encounter in their personal and professional lives after graduation."*** In her new role, Ms. Nicolosi will oversee the implementation and development of this plan as we constantly move forward, preparing all students to be future-ready, while balancing instructional technology with technology infrastructure needs and data management.

Ms. Nicolosi comes to us with more than twenty five years of experience as an educator and administrator. Ms. Nicolosi began her career as a systems engineer, database specialist and programmer with IBM; then worked as a computer teacher, Director of Technology (DOT), and Chief Information Officer in Cliffside Park and Chappaqua School Districts. Ms. Nicolosi received her B.S. in Elementary Education from Pace University; a Masters Degree in Instructional Technology from William Paterson University and a Certificate of Advanced Study from SUNY New Paltz. She is a certified K-8 teacher in New Jersey; PreK-6 teacher in New York and carries a New York State School District Administrator Certification. Two of Ms. Nicolosi's former superintendents from Chappaqua Central School District describe her as a "strong and highly knowledgeable leader with unmatched integrity"; "both visionary and pragmatic".

The District received thirty seven applications for the position of Director of Technology and Innovation. Ten candidates were interviewed. Throughout the selection process, Ms. Nicolosi demonstrated the knowledge and experience in alignment with our District needs and vision for the position. Ms. Nicolosi was appointed by our Board of Education on July 6th and immediately joined our administrative team with enthusiasm, a keen listening ear and calm manner. She brings a strong commitment to our District's priorities in preparing all students to be global citizens stating, ***"Globalization and technology have changed the way we live and learn, and schools need to emphasize the knowledge and skills that are necessary for success in the 21st century."***

As Ms. Nicolosi commences her first year with Nyack Public Schools, we look forward to integrating new and exciting technologies that will enhance classrooms, encourage innovation and continue to instill the seven core competencies that represent our "Profile of a Nyack Graduate" in all students.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Darleen Nicolosi to our Nyack Schools' Community!

Sincerely,

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