



WEST LONG BRANCH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Mrs. Christina M. Egan
Superintendent of Schools

Dear West Long Branch Public Schools Community,

I am truly honored and humbled to begin my service as the new Superintendent of the West Long Branch Public School District. I wish to thank the Board of Education for designing a truly rigorous and thorough interview process, and for entrusting me with the future success of the West Long Branch schools. I am looking forward to partnering with our students, educators, families, and community to ensure that we meet the district's mission – to put students first!

I am excited to meet and get to know each and every one of you, but I will begin by sharing a little information about myself. My prior educational experiences include teaching middle and high school English Language Arts, supervising PreK-12 English Language Arts and World Languages, and serving as director of the preschool program in Keyport. Most recently, I served as the shared PreK-12 Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Tri-District of Atlantic Highlands, Highlands, and Henry Hudson Regional School Districts. I am also currently engaged in the final stages of completing my doctoral dissertation through Northeastern University, where my research focus is the voluntary retention of highly-effective teachers in challenging school contexts.

My background in teaching and leadership has instilled in me an enduring conviction that each and every single child can learn and grow, and deserves to be seen, understood, and supported in ways that respect their unique individual needs. I am committed to lifelong learning, especially the kind of learning that happens when people listen to one another and seek to truly understand a shared vision for success. I am joining your school community during a challenging time in public education, and I recognize that collaborating closely with you is the only way to ensure that we make informed decisions that build upon the foundations of excellence and pride that already exist while also finding strategic ways to continuously improve.

Although my work with West Long Branch is just beginning, a strong start requires preparation. I want you to know that, together with the Board of Education, administration, and Dr. Alfano, I have already been taking steps to ensure a smooth transition and to familiarize myself with our district's strengths and opportunities for future growth. During the interview process, I shared a transition plan created to help guide my endeavors to become a truly embedded servant leader in your community, and I invite you to follow my journey on Twitter @WLBSup using the hashtag #ProudToBeWLB.

West Long Branch students, educators, families, and residents have every reason to be proud of their town and school district. I have been deeply impressed by your strong sense of community togetherness, your unparalleled dedication to the success of the schools and students, and your clear legacy of focusing on both academic and whole-child success. I am absolutely thrilled to call the West Long Branch School District my new home, and I look forward to our work together on behalf of our students.

Very sincerely,

Christina Egan