

Public School District
Secaucus

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TO: All Members of the School Community
FROM: Jack McStowe, Secaucus Board of Education-President
DATE: November 13, 2017
SUBJECT: Appointment of Superintendent



On December 22, 2016, at a Special Board of Education Meeting, the Board approved Leadership Advantage, a professional consulting service to conduct the search for a Superintendent. The consulting firm began an extensive process in January 2017, meeting with Principals, Directors, Supervisors, Central Office Staff, Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Parent Teachers Associations, as well as representatives from the Teachers Union and Board Trustees. Input from the community was solicited through an open forum as well as an online survey to assist in developing the essential criteria needed in selecting a Superintendent for our District. The consulting firm then analyzed all the data and presented to the Board a profile of the qualities the community was looking for in our Superintendent. Leadership Advantage received a total of 27 resumes that were presented and reviewed in detail by the Board. The Board then began the interviewing process, and on July 20, 2017 the Board appointed Ms. Jennifer Montesano as our new Superintendent. Ms. Montesano officially began her employment in District on November 1, 2017 after fulfilling her contractual obligation to the Haworth School District as Superintendent.

Ms. Montesano began her career in education 17 years ago. For the past 17 years, Ms. Montesano has been an educational leader teaching middle school students, coaching high school varsity athletes and as well as providing administrative leadership as a Middle School Vice-Principal, Middle School Principal, Elementary Principal and District Superintendent. Throughout the interview process, Ms. Montesano has demonstrated to the highest level, all the qualities and qualifications that the District was looking for in a Superintendent.

On behalf of the Secaucus School District, please join me in welcoming Jennifer Montesano to the District as our Superintendent.