

Gina M. Villani

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Dear Students and Parents,

I am honored to be selected as the incoming Superintendent of Schools for the Clinton Township School District. My goal is to support our school community as we ensure that our district is one with high academic standards where children come first.

Prior to being selected as your incoming superintendent, I have held various positions in the field of education. I am currently employed by the Nutley Public School District as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools. In that role, I have had the opportunity to be deeply immersed in the functions of the Central Office. I have helped develop budgets, write curriculum, select and implement programs, evaluate staff, manage personnel, build safety and security plans, and participate in various activities related to the management of the 4,400 students and almost 400 staff members within the school district. Prior to my work in Nutley, I was the principal of the Millstone Township Primary School. I was the sole administrator in a building of approximately 500 students and 80 staff members. I began my administrative career as the K-12 Supervisor of Humanities for the Somerville Public Schools. I have also held the positions of elementary classroom teacher and math/science facilitator. Prior to my career in education, I had the pleasure of working for a facilities management company. That experience afforded me the opportunity to understand building needs and facilities management on a deeper level.

It is important to maintain an environment where children come first. I believe that we must build the educational foundation, as well as a love of learning, for students at an early age as to allow them to remain engaged in their education. I am excited about the opportunity to focus my energy on students and staff in a district where we can build that foundation at the primary level and support students through that transition to the upper elementary and middle school levels as we prepare them for high school and beyond.

While we, as a community, may have some challenges ahead, I can assure you that I will work diligently with the Board of Education in the best interest of our students. Throughout my career, I have been committed to timely communication with stakeholder groups. I look forward to continuing this practice.

I am excited to begin my work in the Clinton Township School District.

Thank you,

Gina M. Villani, Ed.D.