



Board of Education to Appoint Director of Pupil Personnel Services and High School Assistant Principal

June 15, 2021

Dear Irvington School Community,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to share that the Board of Education will appoint two new administrators at a special meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 9:15 am in the Campus Theater. Celia Strino will join the IUFSD family as the new Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Michelleann DeFilippis as the new High School Assistant Principal.

Ms. Strino most recently served as Director of Secondary Special Education at the White Plains City School District. Prior to that, she worked as a Supervisor of Student Services at the Pocantico Hills Central School District, a Special Education Department Chairperson and teacher leader with the New York City Department of Education, Adjunct Professor at Fordham University School of Law and a Director of International Programs at Temple University School of Law.

Ms. DeFilippis most recently served as curriculum leader, social studies and special education teacher at Ossining High School. During her tenure, she has been responsible for designing curriculum to meet the needs and interests of a culturally diverse community and served as a member of the building equity team. Ms. DeFilippis began her educational career as a Social Studies Teacher, having served at the Bronx Leadership Academy and Southern Westchester BOCES.

Both Ms. Strino and Ms. DeFilippis thoroughly impressed me throughout the District's rigorous interview process by demonstrating their knowledge and passion for education. I am confident that when they join the IUFSD in July, they will quickly orient themselves to the Irvington school community and will immediately have a positive effect on our students' learning experiences.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Strino and Ms. DeFilippis to our school community. Also, I wish to extend my gratitude to Gail Krieger and Matthew Samuelson for their tireless commitment to the students of Irvington and to wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Very truly yours,

Kris

Dr. Kristopher Harrison
Superintendent of Schools

