



A Message from the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mara Ratesic

July 1, 2024

Dear Irvington School Community,

It is my pleasure to write to you on my first official day as the Superintendent of the Irvington Union Free School District.

Over the last few months, I have had the pleasure of visiting Dows Lane, Main Street School, and Irvington Middle and High Schools. Additionally, I had the good fortune to attend the Annual Science Research Symposium, the IMS Moving Up Ceremony, and the IHS parade and graduation ceremony. Throughout these initial introductions, it was evident that Irvington is truly a special place, and I am honored to have the opportunity to join this exceptional community.

Growing up in a family of educators, my father was a High School Principal, and my mother, a High School English teacher, it was clear that the summer months held special meaning. The summer provides opportunities for families to connect, rejuvenate, and reflect on the past school year as well as anticipate the year ahead.

Over the summer, I will be collaborating with the Board of Education and the Administrative Team to create an Entry Plan for my first year as the Superintendent. My priority for the first few months will be to listen intently and to learn. I will share the completed Entry Plan with the entire Irvington Community in late July.

As part of that plan, I will be meeting with various stakeholders during my first few months to learn more about the District and will be scheduling “community coffees” in the fall to meet community members. The Entry Plan will help me to transition from outsider to insider. I will analyze all of the collected information gathered as part of the Entry Plan and identify strengths, challenges, and opportunities. These data points will help inform the development of preliminary goals for my work as Superintendent. This includes building on the current Strategic Plan and the Portrait of a Graduate, developing our students into courageous learners, engaged citizens, effective communicators, and self-aware individuals.

Thank you again for your warm welcome to Irvington! I wish you all a happy summer full of joy and wonderful memories with your children, and I look forward to the upcoming school year.

Best,

Dr. Mara Ratesic
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