



## THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ewing School Community,

I hope that you are having a wonderful summer.

As you know, with the retirements of Fisher Middle School Principal Barb Brower and Ewing High School Principal Rodney Logan, it is a time of change in the building management structure of the Ewing Public Schools.

We have spent the past month preparing for the new school year and working towards establishing outstanding student-centered administrative teams in all of our district schools. These administrative teams will be dedicated to providing high quality educational leadership that promotes student achievement.

Change may not always be easy, but it can certainly be a good thing, and we are excited about the upcoming school year and the experiences and challenges that are ahead.

Last night, at our Board of Education meeting, the Board approved our building administrative/management structure for the upcoming school year. I wanted to reach out to the community and provide you an overview of these changes. I have also provided you a graphic as a separate attachment that details our administrative structure for the 2017-18 school year.

### **Ewing High School**

Effective August 1st, current Lore Principal Mr. Ed Chmiel moves to Ewing High School to become the new principal, replacing the retired Dr. Logan. Mr. Chmiel has been a successful principal at two districts, earning tenure at both Bordentown and Ewing. Mr. Chmiel has a strong background in secondary education and high school administration, previously serving as a high school teacher, coach, administrator and athletic director. He is eager and excited to become the next school leader at EHS, and we have confidence in his ability to do excellent work in this role.

We wanted to surround Principal Chmiel with an excellent team.

Mr. Clifford "Kip" Harrison makes the jump from EHS Dean of Students to become an assistant principal. Mr. Harrison has been at EHS since 1995 and has served as a teacher, coach, Dean of Students, Director of the ALP program and interim Assistant Principal. He emerged as a successful candidate after the screening of 153 applicants for our posted Assistant Principal vacancy and going through the interview process.

The second assistant principal at Ewing High School will be Ms. Karen Benton, currently a District Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction with the district. Ms. Benton has been with the Ewing Schools since 2014 and has proven to be very strong with regard to instructional leadership and curriculum design.

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Mr. Chris Heywood remains as a Dean of Students/Anti-Bullying Coordinator at EHS and will be joined by newcomer Mr. Drew Besler, who moves from his position as English Teacher to replace Mr. Harrison as a Dean of Students. Mr. Besler is a well-regarded, highly respected educator and coach with a Masters Degree in Educational Administration who has been at Ewing High School since 2003.

We are hosting a “Meet the Principal Night” for Mr. Chmiel on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 5:30PM-7:00PM at Ewing High School, please look for an opportunity to join us.

### **Fisher Middle School**

At Fisher, as previously announced, former EHS Assistant Principal Dr. Maggy Hanna took over as principal on July 1st.

Mr. Hugh Dwyer remains as Assistant Principal at FMS and will provide consistency and continuity during this time of transition.

We are adding a second assistant principal at FMS as we seek to have administrative consistency (both vertically and horizontally) between all of our schools. Mr. Scott Sheplock returns to Fisher after nine years as an Assistant Principal at Ewing High School. He had previously worked at FMS from 2001-2008 as a teacher and Dean of Students.

Ms. Erika Freeman will serve as the Dean of Students/Anti-Bullying Coordinator for Fisher Middle School.

### **Lore Elementary School**

At Lore School, veteran educator/administrator Mr. Charles “Chuck” Welsh will step in as a one-year interim principal for the 2017-18 school year. Mr. Welsh retired in 2010 after a long and successful career as a teacher and administrator, culminated by a decade as a principal for the Howell Township schools. Since his retirement, Mr. Welsh has successfully completed interim principal positions at the West Long Branch School District and the Bear Tavern School in neighboring Hopewell Valley. He spent last year as an interim administrator for the Middletown Township School District. Mr. Welsh will bring stability, experience and leadership to Lore prior to the search for a permanent principal for Lore that will commence in early 2018.

Ms. Kerry Young will remain as Dean of Students/Anti-Bullying Coordinator at Lore.

We are hosting a “Meet the Principal Night” for Mr. Welsh on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, 5:30PM-7:00PM at Lore School, please look for an opportunity to join us.

### **Antheil Elementary School**

Principal Jennifer Whitner remains as principal at Antheil Elementary School.

Mr. Kevin Bonner is joining the Antheil staff as Dean of Students after serving in that role at Fisher since 2009. We think Mr. Bonner will do excellent work at Antheil and look forward to him working with our elementary school students.

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Ms. Michelle Conway is being moved from Antheil Elementary School to become an Assistant Principal: "On Assignment". Her focus while on assignment will be to assist all elementary principals in advancing district K-5 instructional and curricular initiatives, especially in STEAM education, through assessment and professional development.

### **Parkway School**

The Parkway School management team is unchanged, with Mrs. Nicole Harris remaining as principal and Mr. Joe Callea as Dean of Students.

### **Districtwide: Embedded Supervisors**

For the 2017-18 school year, we are embracing an increasingly popular educational approach of assigning each of our districtwide supervisors a particular school and giving them a core of evaluations and assignments in that building to promote district initiatives and student achievement.

Each District Supervisor will be given an office or annex in the building and work closely with the assistant superintendent and building principal on school and district endeavors.

### **2017-18 Embedded Supervisor Assignments**

Lore: Kelly Kawalek (Language Arts/Literacy)

Antheil: Maria Petsos (Special Education)

Parkway: Don Wahlers (STEM)

Fisher/O'Brien: David Hauserman (Special Education)

Ewing High School: Jim Woidill (Social Studies & the Humanities)

A couple quick notes:

We now have horizontal articulation between our elementary schools with each having a principal, Dean of Students, and embedded supervisor.

I wanted to emphasize that in this budgetary-conscious time, no new administrative positions were added to complete this organizational process.

I thank you for taking the time to read this overview. We are excited to start the new school year and welcome back our students in a month or so. Please let me know if you have any questions and have a great remainder of the summer.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools  
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