

# WEST DEPTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear West Deptford School Community,

Good afternoon, and I hope this finds you well. I am writing to inform you that our Superintendent, Mr. Greg Cappello, will be taking a brief medical leave of absence. At last night's Special Board Meeting, the Board of Education has appointed me Acting Superintendent of Schools. I will do my best to provide a seamless transition, and I am fully committed to supporting our school board, district, and leaders as we continue to strive to provide every student with the best educational experience possible.

Over my 20+ years in the West Deptford School District, I have had the opportunity to serve in each of our 5 schools in a variety of capacities, and as such, I have the advantage of already knowing many of our staff and students. I feel this will be of great benefit as I transition into this new role. Our district motto, "Pride, Passion, and a Commitment to Excellence," is something I am honored to continue to pursue. As an alumni, lifelong resident, and employee of this great town, I fully stand behind our vision and goals and take great pride in our reputation. Our success as a district is attributed in large part to the tireless work and dedication of our staff members, and I look forward to coming alongside them to support them as they continue to move our district forward to ensure that our students continue to have every opportunity to flourish. I will strive to communicate with our staff and community as transparently as possible, and I encourage and welcome any questions, concerns, or comments you have during this time.

I kindly ask for and thank you in advance for your support and patience during this transition and will work to the best of my ability to lead our schools until Mr. Cappello's return. I trust that you are all enjoying your summer so far, and on behalf of the entire school community, wish Mr. Cappello a speedy recovery.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian C. Gismondi  
Acting Superintendent of Schools  
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