



Carle Place Union Free School District

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Dear Members of the Carle Place Community,

As we enter the final weeks of this school year, the Board of Education has been very busy preparing for the 2019-20 school year with the appointment of Dr. Christine Finn as our next Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Kevin Coffey as our new Assistant Superintendent for Business. Today, we are very pleased to announce that the Board has filled two more very important vacancies as we welcome Dr. Anastasia Tzortzatos as our new Executive Director of Instructional Technology and Mr. Anthony DeBlasio as our new Director of Guidance.

Dr. Tzortzatos joins Carle Place from the Uniondale School District, where she serves as Director of Library Media Services and Instructional Technology Data Privacy Officer. Prior to that she held the position of Program Specialist with Nassau BOCES.

A major focus of Dr. Tzortzatos has been to provide effective, cutting-edge technology programs to enhance the curriculum and instruction in her schools. In Uniondale she oversaw all district technology systems, including the district website, visitor management systems and software security protocols. Additionally, she analyzed district usage patterns to achieve cost savings. She also increased student access to makerspace areas, improved library collections and increased the use of videoconferencing. Dr. Tzortzatos also facilitated a major Wi-Fi project and upgrade to the district's bandwidth. Another aspect of her responsibilities has been to ensure compliance with student data privacy laws. With BOCES, Dr. Tzortzatos supported school districts using eSchoolData while training faculty, staff and administrators on the program. She provided customized training materials while also troubleshooting technology issues. Dr. Tzortzatos is viewed as an innovative leader by her peers.

Dr. Tzortzatos holds an Ed.D. in Educational Administration from St. John's University, an MA in Education and BS in Computer Science from Adelphi University. In addition, she holds a School Building and Leadership Certificate from Stony Brook University and multiple Microsoft systems and SQL computer certifications.

Mr. DeBlasio currently serves as Assistant Principal for Alternative Programs and Bilingual Education in the Hampton Bays School District, where he began his education career as a School Counselor. He has also served as Assistant Principal to both Hampton Bays Middle School and High School.

With the Counseling Department, Mr. DeBlasio provided comprehensive counseling as well as scheduling support for grades 9-12. He also planned college events, financial aid seminars, organized college fair trips and led conflict mediation sessions with students. As Assistant Principal, Mr. DeBlasio manages both staff and fiscal resources in support of student achievement. He has pioneered Literacy and Math Lab Centers to assess student abilities, developed comprehensive Instructional Support Teams, reconstructed Academic Interventions Service programs while also serving as the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) Coordinator. He is responsible for all phases of master scheduling and state testing. He also works closely with parents and community groups to foster individual success for students. Mr. DeBlasio has been described as a change agent for a more positive school climate.

Mr. DeBlasio earned his Professional Diploma in Education in School District Leadership and a BA in psychology from Stony Brook University. He holds an MA in School Counseling from LIU and New York State certifications in School Leadership and Counseling.

The Board is confident that Dr. Tzortzatos and Mr. DeBlasio possess the administrative experience with the ability to deliver programs and services that place students in the best position to succeed, along with the collaborative spirit that is synonymous with the Carle Place school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in the Carle Place schools!

Sincerely,

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