

CRESSKILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Cresskill Families, Staff, and Community Members,

I am both honored and excited to introduce myself as your incoming superintendent of schools, set to begin on January 2, 2023. My mission has always been to provide students with the best possible opportunities and futures, and that mission was forged first in Cresskill, where I began my career. Therefore, I am very excited to return to a district that provided my foundation and love of teaching, and I am excited to serve the students of Cresskill once more.

As I return to Cresskill, I do so with several experiences that have broadened my leadership abilities and forged my vision to lead our PreK-12 district. I earned a doctorate in educational leadership from Rutgers University, where I completed my dissertation studying the impact of the importance of full-day kindergarten. Professionally, I served in a variety of leadership positions as a supervisor, vice principal, principal, director, superintendent, and even board of education member. Regardless of my job title, my mission and drive has always centered on one core mission – to ensure we prepare students for their future with the best possible opportunities.

As your new superintendent, my immediate priorities will be to establish strong community relationships and maximize the efforts to build back from the pandemic and the flood. I look forward to collaborating with each of you as we continue this important work, and it will need to be a community effort to ensure we continue the path back from these challenges - with an eye towards the future and a drive towards excellence.

Finally, I believe in frequent communication and the importance of relationships. To this end, I created an introductory video (<https://youtu.be/7wZiRL62Knw>) and have scheduled two dates for us to get to know one another better. The dates and locations are below.

- Monday, December 19th: 7:00 PM in the Middle/High School Cafeteria
- Thursday, January 5th: 7:00 PM in the Middle/High School Cafeteria

I am looking forward to my return to Cresskill on January 2, 2023 as we do our collective work of enhancing the opportunities for our students. I wish everyone a restful break filled with the love of family, the joy of the season, and excitement for all that is to come in the new year.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Hughes
Superintendent-to-be
Cresskill School District