



April 29, 2022

Dear Collingswood High School Students, Staff, Parents/Guardians, and Community,

I am beyond honored and excited to introduce myself as principal of Collingswood High School, effective May 1, 2022. Joining Collingswood High School as your principal is what I have long aspired to do. Although I have just begun to meet members of the school community, I can already see that Collingswood High School is brimming with dedicated staff members, engaged students, and a supportive community .

I am eager to begin work with a school community known to have a strong appreciation for a high-quality education. I hold a firm belief that all students should be guided to reach their full potential through a system of care and engagement. Together, we will focus on ensuring that all students have access to a plethora of educational and programmatic opportunities, with an emphasis on meeting the needs of all learners. In addition, there will be a concentration on building meaningful relationships, supporting social and emotional learning, and rebounding from two challenging academic years through accelerated learning that emphasizes targeted support to keep moving forward.

Having over 20 years of experience as a high school science teacher, district supervisor of instruction, and as a director of curriculum, instruction, and technology, I am ready to take on this new role. I am also a proud parent of three; a high school senior preparing to attend Alvernia University; a high school sophomore who is interested in nursing or physical therapy; and a third grader who is enjoying being a kid. I have been a soccer coach since I started teaching and still work with my youngest daughter's team. My undergraduate degrees in Marine Science and Teacher Education were earned at Stockton University. I also completed both my masters and doctorate degrees at Wilmington University.

I am truly thankful to have been recommended by Dr. McDowell, the district leadership team and the Collingswood Board of Education for this opportunity. I appreciate the support of Dr. McDowell and Mr. Genna for working with me to ensure a smooth transition of leadership in the building. Finally, I want to thank Mr. Genna for his years of service at CHS, and wish him continued success as he moves on to serve as principal of Zane North Elementary.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Ostroff, Ed.D.