



## DEPEW UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

### DEPEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Depew Middle/High School Families,

It is my distinct honor and privilege to write this letter announcing that I have officially been appointed to the position Middle/High School Executive Principal. I have had the pleasure of being part of the Depew School community over the last seven years and am very fortunate to already know most of the students and families in grades 6 - 12.

There has been some administrative restructuring within our Middle and High School buildings.

As aforementioned, I am now the Middle/High School Executive Principal.

Ms. Lynn Girdlestone is the House Principal at Depew Middle School. She will be the primary point of contact for our 6-8 students and families. Ms. Girdlestone can be reached at 686-5051.

Mr. Bob Skoczylas will have a dual role as the High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director. He will serve as Assistant Principal in the morning and as Athletic Director in the afternoon. In the morning, he can be reached at 686-5092. For Athletics, his number is 686-5078.

Mrs. Natasha Fatta will serve as the Assistant Principal of both the Middle and High School. She will spend her morning at the Middle School and can be reached at 686-5040. She will serve at the High School in the afternoons and can be reached at 686-5092.

We are certainly in the midst of some unique times. We have spent the summer creating plans, collaborating through committees, and revising our work as our guidance has been constantly evolving. Our focus is to ensure that our students and families are healthy and safe, have social and emotional supports, and have an instructional delivery model that has our students engaged and progressing academically. That has been proven to be easier said than done. As we have heard from Governor Cuomo that schools will be able to reopen, we can now move forward with our hybrid plan for the upcoming school year.

I wholeheartedly believe that it is paramount for the student, family and school to work closely together to ensure that our students are not only succeeding in school, but maturing and growing into productive members of our school community. This collaborative relationship is more important during these times than even before. We understand the necessity of communication and will work on relaying information regularly through our district website, blackboard connect, Facebook and twitter pages. In addition, we are all just a phone call or email away for anything we can be of assistance with. I hope that all of your friends and family have a safe and healthy end of the summer!

Respectfully,

  
James Lupini  
Executive Principal 6-12

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