

Superintendent's Statement September 27, 2021

In 2009 I was presented with the wonderful opportunity to return to DVRHS after 10 years at other school districts in Hunterdon County. It felt like coming home. I began my career in education here in the mid 90s, and my son and daughter went to high school here, class of 2000 and 2005 respectively.

Fast forward to 2013, and I was presented with another opportunity that I could not pass up – the Superintendency. I never envisioned myself in the role, and can honestly say I would never have considered such a position except that it was *Del Val!* Such incredible students! Such an amazing staff! Such a supportive board! The previous administration led by Dr. Elizabeth Nastus had established a solid foundation on which we could build, grow, and thrive. I could not say “no.”

Nine years later, I am very proud to have worked with such dedicated educators and board members and led an outstanding team through a series of initiatives that changed the climate and culture of our school district. If you will indulge me, it is important to reflect back on how far we've come – and these are only a portion of the highlights:

- Block scheduling
- Expanded AP Courses by 60%
- Academy and CTE Programs
- Concurrent Enrollment Programs – RVCC, Seton Hall, NJIT, Kean
- New auditorium, solar field, windows and roofs
- New laboratories for Chemistry and Biology,
- American Sign Language and English Language Learner In-house programs
- A year of the Pandemic and DLDs
- A new tagline, logo, emblem, and official school colors

For me, it has been the professional experience of a lifetime, and I will be eternally grateful to those dozens of Board Members over the years who have entrusted me with such an honor. The time has come, however, to make room for the next leader who can expand our vision and keep us moving forward. In order to give the district sufficient time to find the right candidate, I am officially announcing my retirement from the Delaware Valley Regional High School District, effective at the end of this school year - June 30, 2022.

Again, I wish to personally thank each of you for the opportunity to serve such an amazing district.