

ECASB

SUPERINTENDENT CONGRATULATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT!

Andrea Kersten was attracted to the Akron Community for its remarkable sense of unity and deep-rooted local history that binds its residents together. The tight-knit community thrives on the strong collaboration between schools and the broader community, fostering an environment where education is highly valued and supported. The students in Akron are nothing short of incredible-high-achieving, diverse, and reflective of the rich cultural depth that includes the Tonawanda Seneca Nation. Additionally, the caring and dedicated faculty and staff go above and beyond to create a nurturing, family-like atmosphere that encourages every student to reach their full potential. Andrea's first teaching position was as an Art Teacher in the Iroquois Central School District. In 2013, Andrea became the Cleveland Hill UFSD Middle School Principal and in May of 2021 she moved to the Akron CSD where she served as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction before serving as the Interim Superintendent in 2023 and then becoming the Superintendent in 2024. Andrea's most memorable moments as a teach-



"I'm the proud Mom of four children. Triplets, Bobby, Tyler, and Jenna who are 20 years old, are currently in their 2nd year at the University of Buffalo. Bobby and Tyler have chosen to pursue ma-

jors in Business, while Jenna is focusing on Physical Therapy. Her oldest daughter, Shelby, who is 22, has achieved a significant milestone by graduating from Daemen University with a degree in Physiology. She will continue her academic journey by starting her master's program soon."

Andrea serves on the Board of Directors for Anna's Wish, which is a registered 501©(3) non-profit charity, focused on providing gifts and services to children with pediatric cancer and their families in the Buffalo-Rochester area. She is a member of the Akron Newstead Rotary where the focus is 'Service Over Self'. Andrea was recognized as a "School on the Move" by Western New York STEM, and has been recognized for "Boosting Achievement of Economically Disadvantaged Students" by Better Outcomes, LLC for 3 consecutive years.

Promoted in Akron

Thankful for the trust and faith the Akron community has placed in her.

er is when her former students would return to student-teach with her. As Principal at Cleveland Hill Middle School, she was proud of the collective achievements in student growth and achievement. In just three years, Cleveland Hill Middle School moved from 101st to 28th position in the Business First ranking of Western New York Public Middle Schools. A graduate of Lancaster High School, Andrea received both her Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the State University College at Buffalo. She earned her School District Leader and School Building Leader Certificates from Canisius College. I hope to continue to develop meaningful relationships with all members of the Akron community. I believe that together we can accomplish more. I look forward to hosting a series of Meet and Greet opportunities as well as to share more about myself as a leader and listen and learn how best I can support the needs of the community as their superintendent.



Andrea is looking forward and excited to collaborate with ECASB Members in the years ahead. ECASB membership provides a wonderful opportunity for us to learn together, collaborate, and make a significant impact in our region through advocacy and the development of strong partnerships.

In her spare time Andrea enjoys spending time with her family, cheering for the Buffalo Bills, golfing, playing tennis, and playing pickleball.

