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SUPERINTENDENT CONGRATULATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT!

Dr. Hank Stopinski is a graduate from Williamsville CSD and when I attended the Board of Education meeting, noticed he is on their “Wall of Fame”. Dr. Stopinski is a 1980 graduate of Williamsville North High School. His first teaching position was in Granville, New York where he was a Secondary Science teacher. The best moments that he recalls as a teacher is when he was selected to lead a national delegation of FFA students for a 3-week education exchange near Moscow, Russia as well as coaching numerous Vermont State Champions in track and field, long jump, triple jump and the high jump. Dr. Stopinski possesses an A.A.S. Forest Technology degree from SUNY CES & F in Wanakena, New York and also attended Niagara County Community College. He earned his Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Artes in Secondary Education / Natural Science from Castleton State College. Dr. Stopinski earned his Masters Degree in Educational Administration and Leadership from Castleton State College in Vermont, and his Doctorate from NOVA Southeastern Univer-

“ Dr. Hank Stopinski plans to meet and listen to many stakeholders of the district as part of his entry plan. He hopes to build in the many exceptional efforts taking place in the district and become an active member of the school

District and the community. ”



“My message to Albany is... Trust the educational leaders and staff will do the best for their communities, while at the same time hold us to high expectations - Set the targets and let us determine the best way to get there.”

Excited to be coming to Depew UFSD

Wide array of experiences help to develop strong leadership skills.

sity. His dissertation was “Development of a Career Academy Evaluation Model for Rural Schools”. Dr. Stopinski is very active in the community. He is a PTSA Volunteer, has served as a volunteer coach for elementary, middle, and high school AAU and Special Olympic programs. He serves as a Cub Scout Leader and Boy Scout leader. He is active in his church as a volunteer and been a member of Chambers of Commerce and a Rotarian. He was awarded the Vermont Vocational Principal/Director of the Year, National Outstanding Young Teacher of the Agriculture. Dr. Stopinski received the Greater Niagara Boys Scouts of America Scouter of the Year, Award of Merit, and the Diocese of Buffalo “Companions on the Journey Award” for Youth Services among many of his accomplishments and awards. Dr. Stopinski’s favorite teacher was Ms. Leone, who was his high school Latin Teacher. “During my junior year of high school, my mother thought it would be a good idea for me to take Latin to improve my SAT scores. She also reminded me that my teacher was a new teacher, and this was a new offering at the high school and she could use some help. Ms. Leone was able to breathe life into a class like no other teacher. She was dynamic, enthusiastic, held me to high standards, and even had me wear a Toga to school during my senior year”, states Dr. Stopinski. “And yes, my SAT scores were high enough to earn a Regents Scholarship”.

Dr. Stopinski’s hobbies and pastimes include spending time with family, taking part in outdoor activities that include wilderness canoe guiding, hunting, camping and fishing, gardening and cooking. His most recent position was serving as the Superintendent of the Roy Hart CSD in Niagara County. Other leadership positions include founding principal of the Health Sciences Charter School in Buffalo, serving as the Career and Technical Education Director of the Capital Region BOCES, and the Career and Technical Education Director of the River Valley Technical Center.

Dr. Stopinski says one of his best moments as a school leader was having a child enter the Health Science Charter School as a freshman with no knowledge of the English language, become the Valedictorian and be accepted with a full ride to Cornell University to study medicine.