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SUPERINTENDENT CONGRATULATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT!

Advancing in the Orchard Park CSD describes the career path for the new Orchard Park Superintendent Dave Lilleck. After a brief Social Studies teaching career at Grand Island High School, David served his entire administrative career at Orchard Park. He has served in the role of House 3 Principal at Orchard Park High School, Assistant Athletic Director, Universal Pre-K Co-Coordinator, as the Middle School Principal and most recently as the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Pupil Services.

Having graduated from Alden Central School District, David attended Geneseo for his undergraduate degree, Buffalo State for his Masters Degree in Education and he attended Canisius College for his Masters in Educational Leadership. As he reflects on his high school career, his favorite teacher was Mr. Hilberger at Alden High School. He was one of David's Social Studies teachers as well as his football coach. His impact on David was that he merely believed in David and inspired him to be the best he could be.

"With 13 years experience in the district, I will be able to fast-track my entry plan. I hope to build upon the strong foundation to ensure all students have access to exceptional programming and opportunities. I also look forward to working the BOE who volunteer a tremendous amount of their time and skills as they tackle many challenging issues. Board Members are not thanked enough for their service"



"I thank my family for their love and support, the OP Board of Education for their support and trust, Superintendent Matt McGarrity for his mentorship and guidance, and the Orchard Park community."

Serving in Orchard Park...

Working in many different roles within the district provides insight.

Over the course of David's teaching and administrative career, he has tried to emulate that for his students and his colleagues. Mr. Lilleck came to Orchard Park 13 years ago and was attracted to the district by its history of excellence. He wanted to be part of an organization that was doing amazing things for students. He was so impressed with the district, that he and his wife chose to settle in the Orchard Park community and raise their family.

David's message to those in Albany, whether it be an elected official or the State Education Department would be to "Seek feedback from the field more often. The experts that are in the field everyday do amazing work to help students and families. In addition, find ways to partner more fully in the problem solving stage to ensure solutions developed will help to meet the needs of ALL districts.



Just a few of David's accomplishments while serving as an administrator in O.P.:

- Adjusted staffing to address needs of COVID-19.
- Increased teacher and substitute retention.
- Gained flexibility to shop for health insurance.
- Aligned mentoring program with new teacher professional development goals.
- Reduced grievances by 90%.

David and his wife Sherrie have been happily married 21 years. They have 3 children: Hayleigh who is currently a sophomore in college, and twin sons Adrian and Caiden who are currently freshmen at Orchard Park High School. In his spare time, David enjoys camping with his family, hiking, and any outdoor activity.

Mr. Lilleck is a big sports fan and enjoys watching the Bills, the Sabres and the Yankees.

David has been active in the community as well. He has served as an Orchard Park Little League Youth Baseball Coach, volunteered for the Orchard Park Youth Court, and he has served as the ECIC and Section VI Athletic Administrative Representative. David has also served on the Executive Board for the Boys and Girls Club of Orchard Park in the town of Orchard Park.

In addition to mentoring many students and teachers over the years, David also has served as an Administrative Coach for the University of Rochester. Mr. Lilleck has served as a Professor in the Educational Leadership Program at both St. Bonaventure University and Canisius College.

Mr. Lilleck is a member of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, the New York State Association of School Personnel Administrators, the Western New York Association of Personnel Administrators, and Management Advocates for School Labor Affairs.