

Press Release/Announcement

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Susquehanna Community School Board selects Mr. John Rushefski as the next Superintendent

The Board of Directors of the Susquehanna Community School District is pleased to announce that **Mr. John Rushefski** has been selected as the district's next Superintendent. Mr. Rushefski will serve as Assistant Superintendent from September 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023 during a transition period with Mr. Stone. Mr. Rushefski's official start date as Superintendent of Schools is December 1, 2023.

“Executing the plans of the Susquehanna Community School Board is truly an honor and a privilege. Before entering the Superintendency, I am grateful for the time to transition with Superintendent Mr. Stone, and the leadership team, during my first three months at Susquehanna. As for my leadership approach, I am a **student first leader** who prioritizes **learning and achievement**, along with promoting **kindness and compassion, and gratitude** for both students and staff. Additionally, fiscal responsibility is critical for the success of a school district, and I use the following three pronged approach to determine every financial decision: **Is it Needed? Can it be Afforded? Can it be Sustained?**”

Mr. Rushefski comes to Susquehanna beginning his twenty-eighth year as a successful educational leader, with eight years of Superintendent experience, fourteen years in both the Elementary and Secondary Principal leadership roles, five years as a Mathematics Supervisor (while serving as an Elementary Principal), and he began his career with five years in the classroom as an Elementary Teacher. The school districts he served were the following Pennsylvania schools: Lackawanna Trail (1996-2001; 2008-2014; 2022), Pleasant Valley (2001-2008), Old Forge (2014-2019), Jim Thorpe (2019-2022), and Northern Lehigh (2022-2023). Additionally, Mr. Rushefski has earned degrees from the following institutions: Keystone Junior College (Associates), University of Scranton (Bachelors of Science in Education & Masters Degrees in Elementary and Secondary Administration), and Wilkes University (Masters in Twenty-First Century Teaching and Learning).

On the homefront, Mr. Rushefski is married over twenty-six years to his beautiful wife Kelly, has two children, Abigail (Registered Nurse at Geisinger Wyoming Valley) and

Sammy (recently graduated Cum Laude from Duquesne University majoring in Business and Marketing), and he has three dogs (Maisy-Maltese, Flora and Dunkin, both GoldenDoodles).

Mr. Rushefski is passionate about beginning his contract at Susquehanna, and he is looking forward to the leadership opportunities ahead, as well as completing his greatest professional achievement while serving the school district and Board of Education as their next Superintendent of Schools.