

This spring, the Board of Education appointed three new curriculum directors who will begin their work at Arlington on July 1, 2022.

#### **Director of Instructional Services**



On April 5, the Board appointed Sal Contes, Ed.D. as the Director of Instructional Services. We are excited to welcome Dr. Contes to the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Team and the Arlington Community as a new resident! Dr. Contes' experience as a data-driven leader in his roles as Building Principal, Technology Director, and Teacher will help drive his multifaceted role and the development of the district's MTSS/RTI program (K-12).

Dr. Contes has served as a high school principal and assistant principal for the NYC Department of Education since 2014. He previously served as an assistant principal at Poughkeepsie High School from 2007 to 2014. Dr. Contes taught in NYC schools for more than 12 years. He has a B.S. in Occupational Education from CUNY, NYC College of Technology, and M.S. in Education Administration from CUNY, The City College of NY,

and a D.P.S. in Computing Studies from Pace University.

As the Director of Instructional Services, Dr. Contes will develop, implement, and monitor a District-wide Response to Intervention (RtI)/Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) program and provide necessary professional learning to staff. He will provide leadership and direction to library media services consistent with the goal of preparing future ready students. Dr. Contes will also oversee the District's Homeschooling program.

#### **Director of Elementary Operations**



On May 10, the Board appointed Stacey Morgan, Ph.D. as the Director of Elementary Operations. Dr. Morgan brings a wealth of experience leading districtwide school improvement efforts with a strong focus on elementary literacy development. Her training in reading intervention and experience leading teacher professional development will serve as great assets for our Universal Pre-Kindergarten programs and elementary schools.

Dr. Morgan worked as a reading recovery specialist and elementary school teacher for fifteen years before transitioning to administrative positions. Dr. Morgan has served as a literacy trainer for Columbia University's Teachers College; Coordinator of Literacy, Elementary Mathematics, and AIS services at Lindenhurst Union Free School District and as an elementary school assistant principal at Baldwin Union Free School District. Most

recently, Dr. Morgan served as the Funded Program Administrator at Central Islip Union Free School District where she wrote, procured and managed federal, state and competitive grants for the district.

Dr. Morgan has a B.A. from CUNY, Queens College in Elementary Education/Sociology, an M.S. in Curriculum and Educational Technology from Long Island University, C.W. Post, and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Chicago University.

As the Director of Elementary Operations, Dr. Morgan will work with elementary principals and teacher leaders to maximize instructional leadership at the school level. Her work will include a strong emphasis on early literacy development. Dr. Morgan will support teachers through classroom observations, professional learning opportunities, and resources. She will also work collaboratively with elementary principals to ensure consistency across Arlington's eight schools serving children in grades K-5.

#### **Director of Secondary Operations**



As was previously announced, on March 22, the Board appointed John Orcutt as the Director of Secondary Operations. Mr. Orcutt, has served as the Arlington High School Executive Principal since July, 2020.

We are fortunate to have Mr. Orcutt bring his knowledge of the district, building principal experience and extensive curriculum background to the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment team! These experiences will serve as critical assets in creating future-driven learning environments in our secondary schools as well as ensuring vertical and horizontal alignment in grades 6-12.

As the Director of Secondary Operations, Mr. Orcutt will be instrumental in the coordination of district, school and community initiatives intended to improve student achievement across all secondary subject areas. Mr. Orcutt will work with our secondary principals, department coordinators, district leaders, teachers, students, and community members to ensure that we are providing students with engaging and relevant learning opportunities that prepare them for success in college, career, and life.

Mr. Orcutt has served as the Executive Principal at Arlington High School since 2020. Prior to coming to Arlington, Mr. Orcutt was a House Principal for two years and an Assistant Principal for seven years at White Plains High School. He taught social studies at New Paltz High School. Mr. Orcutt studied at SUNY Cortland where he earned a dual BA in Anthropology and Secondary Social Studies Education with a minor in History and Master's Degree in Social Studies Education with a minor in History. He earned his Certificate of Advanced Study in School District and Building Leadership at SUNY New Paltz.