

## Board Appoints Next Arlington High School Executive Principal



At its meeting on Tuesday, May 10, the Arlington Board of Education appointed Don Solimene, Ed.D. as the next Arlington High School Executive Principal. Dr. Solimene will assume the Executive Principal position on July 1, 2022. He will replace Mr. John Orcutt who will be moving to the Arlington Central Office to serve as the Director of Secondary Operations.

Following his appointment, Dr. Solimene said, “As a member of the Arlington community, the opportunity to lead this prestigious high school is a wonderful culmination of years of hard work in education. I am looking forward to working with the administrators, teachers, staff, families and students to continue the successes of AHS. My wife and her family all attended Arlington schools and my son is entering Vail Farm in the fall as a kindergartener. This feels like coming home and being with family.”

Dr. Solimene has served as the principal of Riverside High School in Yonkers since 2014. During his tenure at Riverside High School, the school’s graduation rate increased from 56% to 97%. He worked to forge partnerships with local businesses and to create mentorship opportunities for students. Prior to assuming the role of principal at Riverside High School, Dr. Solimene served as the principal of Foxfire School, and as an assistant principal at Saunders Trades and Technical High School in Yonkers.

Dr. Solimene has a BA in Economics from Rutgers University, and an MS in Elementary Education and an Ed.D. in Administration and Leadership from Fordham University.

Dr. Dave Moyer, Arlington Superintendent of Schools, looks forward to welcoming Dr. Don Solimene to the high school this summer: “Dr. Solimene is an accomplished, experienced principal. He is a tremendous addition to our team. We are fortunate to welcome him to the organization and we are eager for him to get started.”