

Skaneateles Central School District

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Dear Skaneateles family,

My name is Eric Knuth and I am so proud to begin my work on behalf of the children and families of this community. Skaneateles has been a special place for my family for many years. We have spent countless hours in the lake where I taught my four children to swim. We have enjoyed so many memorable days here both spectating and coaching youth sports. My wife Lauren and I have always come to this community to celebrate milestones in our lives from new jobs and family weddings, to children's birthdays. While I have enjoyed so much that Skaneateles has to offer as a visitor, I am most excited about truly becoming part of your community.

The magic of public education exists in the relationships formed at school. Whether peer to peer, or relationships built between caring adults and the children they serve, school is about human connection. As an educator, a husband, and a parent, I deeply understand the challenges that we face in the coming year. I know first-hand the frustrations felt by our families and our students with all that the covid-19 pandemic has taken from us. I feel your anxiety as so much remains unknown and uncertain about the coming school year. While so many things have changed over the past year, the importance of personal connections and positive relationships is constant and will remain a priority at Skaneateles schools. It is so encouraging to arrive and hear so many stories of how this school community rallied in support of our young people and maintained those connections despite all of the new obstacles we have been forced to endure. It is clear that this community remains *stronger together*.

We are in the midst of historic changes to public education. While so much remains unknown, our focus remains constant. We exist to provide the highest possible quality educational experience to the children of this community. We exist to create opportunities and a sense of belonging for every child every day. We strive to not only produce good students, but to develop truly good people.

To everyone in our Skaneateles family I want to express my sincere thanks for the faith and confidence you place in us as you entrust us with your children. Please reach out and keep in close contact as we navigate all the challenges that lie ahead in the coming year together.

Sincerely,

Eric Knuth

Superintendent of Schools