

A Letter from the Central Greene Board of School Directors

A school superintendent oversees the daily operations and the long-range **planning** of a school district. Serving as the point person for all district matters, the role of a superintendent is to supervise school principals and district staff, work with school board members and to **manage** fiscal operations. In all school districts in Pennsylvania, the Superintendent serves as the CEO of the district.

Dr. Helen K. McCracken brought with her years of experience, having served as a principal in an elementary school, middle school, and high school. She has also served as a Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Assistant to the Superintendent and has previous superintendent experience. She has earned one undergraduate degree, two master's degrees, her doctorate and has state-approved principal certification and a superintendents Letter of Eligibility. In addition, she has a decade of experience in higher education and training outside of the school system itself, which adds to her well-rounded educational and experiential background. Her many experiences help to give us an opportunity to think outside the box and break the pattern that has become embedded in our school community: just because we've done it that way for years, we do not have to continue that way into the new future. We need to continue growing and moving forward. In addition, she is a 28 year long resident/taxpayer of the district, the parent of a successful CGSD graduate, and shares the Board's concern for fiscal responsibility. Moreover, she has earned the overall support of the Board of Education.

We, the members of the Central Greene Board of School Directors, are vested in the support of Dr. McCracken's vision of the district.

As is our duty, we are working diligently to represent our constituents who elected us. Dr. McCracken holds high expectations for everyone, a trait that can be controversial in its implementation since it shatters the years of past norms. However, this outlook should impact student achievement positively if we can all work together in a focused manner.

Rather than relying on social media, that can sometimes be of little assistance due to unfounded personal opinions, misinformation and misquotes, please know that questions can be addressed at any time to Dr. McCracken and/or the appropriate district administrator.

Additionally, we are pleased and proud of the input we have gathered from numerous members of the community. Although their support has been quiet compared to criticisms of some others, their voices have been heard and we are truly appreciative of that support.

The Central Greene School district faces many challenges in the future. We still believe in the respect the district has garnered over many years and we have the utmost desire to help our district move forward successfully and provide our students with the best possible learning opportunities.

This state mandated "team of ten" understands the challenges of the future and believes wholeheartedly, that under Dr. McCracken's leadership, new founded levels of excellence can again be in our reach.

Respectfully,

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