

August 7, 2020

Dear Community Members,

Last week I communicated to you that Mr. Salumn, our Director of Athletics and Physical Education, was resigning his position to accept a similar position in the Carmel Central School District. I am writing to inform you that the Haldane Board of Education has accepted my recommendation to appoint Mr. David Goddard to the position of Interim Director of Athletics. Mr. Goddard served as Director of Athletics in the Arlington Central School District for 16 years prior to his retirement in 2016.

Mr. Goddard was actively involved at regional level during his time as Athletic Director, having served as the Section One Sportsmanship Chairman and on the Athletic Council. He was also a member of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Central Committee, the foremost governing body for interscholastic athletics in New York State.

During his tenure as Athletic Director, Arlington High School was selected as a *Lighthouse School* for Parents for Good Sports, Incorporated. Arlington also received the prestigious *Good Sports Awards* banner by the NYS Public High School Athletic Association. In 2013, Arlington received the *Community Service Award* by NYSPHSAA for the athletic program's support of local charities.

Mr. Goddard was named the Section One Athletic Director of the Year in 2016. That same year he was recognized by the NYSPHSAA for his dedication and service to athletics in New York, and was presented with the *Apple Award* by the New York State Athletic Administrators Association for his contributions as Athletic Director.

It is anticipated that Mr. Goddard will serve in this role for no more than three months as we seek to identify a candidate for the probationary position. In the coming weeks, Mr. Goddard and Mr. Salumn will work together to effectuate a smooth transition of leadership as we await further guidance from NYSPHSAA on athletics.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Goddard to the Haldane community.

Sincerely,
Phil Benante, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools