

February 15, 2019

Dear Residents of Penn Hills,

I would like to introduce myself to you as the Chief Recovery Officer. Relevant experience includes nine years as the Superintendent of Central Valley School District in Beaver County. Prior to my work at Central Valley, I served as the Assistant Superintendent in the Penn Hills School District approximately fifteen years ago.

Having served two years as the Assistant Superintendent of the Penn Hills School District, I am familiar with the work ethic of the staff and the pride that the residents have in their community. My goal is to work hard to restore financial stability to the district with the assistance of key stakeholders. My first ten days on the job has affirmed in my mind that this seemingly daunting challenge can be accomplished.

Make no mistake that Penn Hills is in dire straits due to the debt created through the construction of two state-of-the-art facilities. The reality of financial recovery plans includes the implementation of cost saving strategies. The State Auditor General's report from 2016, along with the Allegheny County District Attorney investigation that followed, has shed negative light on past practices; however, my purpose is to move the district forward.

Rest assured that the children in our classrooms are receiving instruction and support from dedicated staff members every day. The financial recovery plan will insure that our students will not be deprived of a high-quality education experience, and we will protect the integrity and effectiveness of our programming.

In the next several months, a recovery plan will be developed and be forwarded to the Board for approval. You can expect public hearings along the way to share the status of the plan prior to approval. I encourage your support, your patience, and your faith that we will indeed get this done in a fair-minded manner.

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel J. Matsook

Chief Recovery Officer  
Penn Hills School District