

Good Morning,

Happy Tuesday! I hope this email finds you doing well and that your summer is off to a great start.

My name is Dr. Tony Sinanis and I am excited to serve our community as your new Superintendent of Schools. While I look forward to connecting with all of you in person in the coming weeks and months, I felt it was important to take a few minutes to introduce myself (*at least via email*) so you know a little something about me. I grew up in Woodside, Queens with my parents, brother, and sister. On my block, the hum of the passing 7 Train was often the background noise that helped me fall asleep.

Education has always been a priority in our family. Although my parents, who immigrated to this country from Greece in the 1950's, only completed a middle school level education, they supported me on my journey to being the first college graduate in our family. Graduating college is one of my proudest accomplishments while the most fulfilling experience is being a dad. My son, Paul, who is starting college this fall at Hofstra University, is my mini-me. We share a love for the Mets, an interest in Star Wars and Marvel movies, and a weakness for anything chocolate. We currently live in Pelham Manor with my husband, Felix, who is an elementary school principal in Scarsdale.

Before coming to Herricks I worked as an educational leader for 17 years. Most recently I worked in Westchester where I was the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Leadership Development in Chappaqua Central School District and Superintendent of Schools in Hastings. Prior to that I spent the majority of my career on Long Island where I was the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in Plainedge and an elementary principal in both Jericho and Valley Stream. I started my career, 25 years ago, as a classroom teacher in New York City and in the Hewlett-Woodmere School District, where I taught 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Although I have been in education for 25 years (*it feels like only yesterday when I began this journey*), I have always appreciated the opportunity to learn, grow, and try new things, which is what led me to Herricks. I am thrilled to be part of such an amazing community where we value education and work together to do what is in the best interest of our students, faculty, staff and families.

I hope everyone enjoys the balance of the summer and that we all take the time to relax, reenergize, laugh and have some fun! I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Sincerely,  
Tony