July 25, 2025

Dear Haldane Community,

It is with immense excitement and heartfelt enthusiasm that I introduce myself as your new Superintendent of Schools. I am deeply honored to join this exceptional community and embark on this journey with you.

For me, this role is more than just a professional endeavor; it's a personal commitment. I have always been drawn to the unique charm and strong sense of community that thrives in small towns like Philipstown. The dedication to student success, the close-knit atmosphere, and the deep connection to this beautiful region are qualities I greatly admire.

I believe in leading with transparency, integrity, and a genuine desire to empower others. I am committed to listening, collaborating, and working alongside you to ensure that every student in Haldane has the opportunity to thrive.

Our students are at the heart of everything we do. My primary focus will be on fostering a learning environment where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential. I am eager to partner with our exceptional educators, dedicated staff, and engaged parents to build upon the strong foundation already in place.

In the coming weeks and months, I am committed to:

- Listening and Learning: I will be actively seeking opportunities to connect with students, staff, parents, and community members to understand your perspectives and priorities.
- Building Relationships: I believe in the power of strong relationships and will work diligently to build trust and foster collaboration throughout the district.
- Focusing on Student Success: I will champion initiatives that support academic excellence, social-emotional well-being, and the development of well-rounded individuals.

I am truly excited to become a part of the Haldane family and contribute to the continued success of our schools. I look forward to meeting you all and working together to create a bright future for our students.

Sincerely,
Gail Duffy, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools