

Dr. Heath Branham
District Superintendent
1475 E. Liberty Street | 803-684-9916
www.york.k12.sc.us



PRESS RELEASE

February 11, 2026

CONTACT: Janet Parker
Public Information Officer
jparker@york.k12.sc.us
803-818-6354 (o)
839-270-8769 (m)

York School District One New Administrative Assignment

Dean Adone Named Coordinator of School Safety



York School District One is proud to announce the appointment of Dean Adone as the district's new Coordinator of School Safety. Adone brings more than 25 years of distinguished law enforcement leadership and school safety expertise to the role, further strengthening the district's commitment to ensuring safe, secure, and supportive learning environments for all students and staff.

Adone recently retired as Chief of Police for Roxbury Township, New Jersey, where he served from 2021 to 2024. In that capacity, he was directly responsible for the safety and security of seven public schools and more than 25,000 residents. His daily responsibilities closely mirrored the needs of a modern school safety program, including emergency operations planning, threat assessment coordination, drill management, oversight of School Resource Officers, security technology management, safety audits, and collaboration with local and regional emergency agencies.

"Dean Adone brings exactly the kind of proven, steady leadership we value in York School District One," said Dr. Heath Branham, Superintendent of York School District One. "His extensive experience, collaborative approach, and deep understanding of school safety systems will help ensure that our students, staff, and families continue to feel secure and supported. We are thrilled to welcome him to our team."

The addition of Adone to York School District One underscores the district's proactive approach to school safety and its ongoing mission to ensure that every student is seen, heard, and able to belong in a safe learning environment.

PO Box 770 | 1475 East Liberty Street | York, South Carolina
29745 (803) 684-9916 | Fax (803) 684-1903
www.york.k12.sc.us