



# Warren Township Schools

*Shining Brighter Every Day*

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July 1, 2016

Dear Warren Township families and staff,

I am honored to begin my tenure as your Superintendent of Schools. The Warren Township School District enjoys a well-deserved reputation of excellence thanks to the efforts of an incredible staff, supportive parents and community members, dedicated Board of Education members, and most importantly, the wonderful students who bring our schools to life each day.

Since my appointment in January, I have had the opportunity to tour the district facilities, meet with members of the leadership team and visit classrooms, all in an effort to learn as much as I can about what makes Warren Township so special. I will continue on this path for the next several months as I schedule meetings with school and district staff, community leaders, members of the Board of Education, and our partners in neighboring school communities.

I am most proud to join a community that prioritizes its schools. Despite constant reform efforts at the state and national levels, we know what works in public education. The whole child approach provides a framework and a name for what all educators and parents know in their hearts - "Each child, in each school, in each community is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged." When that aim is the reality, students thrive. I intend to use this philosophy as a guidepost as we examine challenging situations and make critical decisions about the future of our schools.

Finally, I would like to recognize the work done by Dr. Elizabeth Nastus who served as Interim Superintendent of Schools for the 2015-16 school year. In a year of challenges, Dr. Nastus maintained the high standards of the district and I appreciate her support during the transition.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.