

To the parents and guardians of the Harmony Area School District:

As I begin my tenure as the Superintendent of the Harmony Area SD, I am excited over the opportunity to work with you, your children, the faculty and staff to provide the best educational opportunities and programs possible to meet the needs of our students. Entering my 34th year as an educator, I am honored to serve the District, providing leadership and guidance as we prepare the young people for the 21<sup>st</sup> century society in which they will live. As the father of three school-aged children, I know that, as a parent/guardian, you expect me to give your children the most updated, rigorous, and challenging educational curriculum to meet or exceed their academic potential. I promise to do my best to live up to your expectations and to prepare your children for the responsibilities of being a member of our community.

I have spent the past 33 years of my professional life as a social studies teacher, assistant principal, principal and central office administrator. I have come to believe “it takes a village to raise a child” as a necessity to ensure that students succeed by having all adults in their lives, at home and school, working together to provide learning experiences and growth opportunities. By collaborating and communicating, we establish a bridge between home and school that can only lead to positive outcomes for our students. Each administrator and educator brings experiences and their unique style or personality to the position. I hope you will find me to be someone that is approachable, willing to listen, and able to provide answers or help find answers to your concerns.

Harmony Area is beginning a new chapter, one that is based on moving towards 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning. Together, we must embrace these new challenges and new opportunities to meet the needs of students while remaining conscience of the current economic status of the district. Together, we must develop and implement new means of addressing continuing issues facing the district. Together, we must write this chapter based on current trends while at the same time meeting the needs of the future, the needs of the children.

I look forward to many years in the Harmony Area School District, working together to make our District a leader in Academic, Athletic and Artistic programs in the state of Pennsylvania. I welcome and appreciate your help in providing a first-class educational program to all students of the District. I invite you to actively participate with the administration, teachers and staff to make the Harmony programs the best programs in the state of Pennsylvania in order to provide your child the education necessary to meet their needs.

Thank you for welcoming me to your District and for working with me in the future to “Do what is best for all kids – one student at a time – to benefit all.”

Sincerely

Stuart J Albaugh  
Superintendent of Harmony Area School District