



VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24
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Dear Valley Stream 24 Community,

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After an extensive and thorough search process that included multiple stakeholder committee interviews, a deliberate and comprehensive presentation, and an in-depth site visit, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Christopher Keogh has been appointed as our next Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, effective July 1st.

Dr. Keogh brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our district. Since 2020, he has served as the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology (K-12) in the Tuckahoe Union Free School District. In this role, he has overseen the development and implementation of K-12 curriculum across all academic areas, trained and supported staff in integrating instructional technology, and collaborated with families on school-based technology use. Additionally, Dr. Keogh has fostered partnerships with community leaders, including local historians and youth groups, to extend student learning beyond the classroom.

Before his current role, Dr. Keogh served as an Assistant Principal, staff developer, and technology education teacher, where he played a key role in curriculum development, changes in state standards, and working collaboratively with all to enhance educational outcomes.

Dr. Keogh earned his Doctorate in Educational Leadership, Administration, and Policy (Ed.D.) from Fordham University in 2023, focusing on collaborative learning to support multilingual learners. He also holds an Advanced Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership from SUNY Stony Brook (2014) and a Master of Science in Education (M.S. Ed.) in Educational Technology from Pace University (2009). Additionally, he earned a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Adolescent Education and English from Pace University.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Keogh to Valley Stream 24, as he emerged as the top candidate from a highly competitive pool. He will be visiting our schools prior to his official start date to become more acquainted with our community.

At this time, we also extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Lisa Conte, who will be retiring after 22 years of dedicated service to Valley Stream 24. Dr. Conte has made an indelible impact on our schools, and we wish her the very best as she moves into the next chapter of her life. She continues to work closely with our staff to ensure a smooth transition and a successful end to the school year.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Keogh to Valley Stream 24 and in celebrating Dr. Conte's remarkable contributions to our district.

Warmly,

Dr. Unal Karakas
Superintendent of Schools