



Pearl River School District

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Dear Parents and Students,

Recently at a Board of Education meeting, it was announced that numerous retirements were occurring at the end of this school year across the district. Several talented educators and professionals will be leaving us after carrying out successful careers in education. Pearl River High School will be losing two very special teachers in Ms. Marie Maher and Mr. Paul Martin; and school psychologist, Dr. Michael Simboli. Though we will be sad to see them leave the hallways of the high school, we wish them the best in the next chapter of their lives.

In addition, there is a full-time vacancy for a middle school guidance counselor due to the retirement of Ms. Marie Stephens. Mr. Mark Bernasconi, PRHS school counselor, has requested to return to the middle school and will be leaving the high school at the end of this school year. Please be assured that a transition plan will be put in place that facilitates Mr. Bernasconi and a new PRHS counselor communicating and working in partnership, especially to work with seniors on their needs regarding the college application process. Being in the district and only a few miles away affords the ability to create a seamless transition that best serves students. We look forward to working with Mr. Bernasconi on this transition and wish him the very best at the middle school.

Our search process for filling all of these positions will begin shortly. I am confident that our search will yield quality candidates that will be successful in meeting the needs of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Murphy".

Michael Murphy
Principal