



# Pearl River School District

135 West Crooked Hill Road  
Pearl River, New York 10965-2730

[www.pearlriver.org](http://www.pearlriver.org)

Phone: 845-620-3922 – Fax: 845-620-3927  
[pochintestam@pearlriver.org](mailto:pochintestam@pearlriver.org)

**Marco F. Pochintesta, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent of Schools

## New Members of District Administration

August 9, 2023

Dear PRSD Community,

We are pleased to announce that at last evening's Board of Education meeting, **Ms. Tawnya Muhlrاد** was appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Business. Ms. Muhlrاد comes to us from the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District, where she served as Director of Accounting and Business Services. She holds a Master of Public Education from Pace University, a Master of Educational Administration and a School District Business Leader Certificate (SDBL) from Pace University, and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Mount Saint Mary College. In addition, Ms. Muhlrاد is a member of the New York State Association of School Business Officials as well as the New York State Association of Municipal Purchasing Officials.

Ms. Muhlrاد joins a talented team of new members of District Administration:

**Ms. Susanne Pariot** was appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Previously, she served as Principal at Evans Park Elementary School for two years. Ms. Pariot holds New York State Certification as a School District Leader (Professional Certificate), a Certificate of Advanced Study in School Leadership from SUNY New Paltz, a Master of Education in Curriculum and Teaching from Teachers College - Columbia University, a Master of Arts in Applied Educational Psychology from Teachers College - Columbia University, and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from SUNY Cortland.

**Mr. John Piscitella** was appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources & Community Services. Previously, he served as Principal of Carmel Middle School in the Carmel Central School District for nine years. Mr. Piscitella holds a Certificate of Advanced Study in Education Administration from SUNY New Paltz, a Master of Arts in Education Theory and Practice from SUNY Albany, and a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from SUNY Albany - with certifications in Permanent Social Studies (Grades 7-12) and Permanent School District Administration (SDA).

**Mr. Joseph Simoni** was appointed to the position of Director of Special Services. Previously, he served in the Wappingers Central School District, Pine Bush Central School District and Carmel Central School District as an Assistant Coordinator for Special Education, Director of Special Education and Student Services, Director of Special Programs, and Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services & Technology. Mr. Simoni holds a Certificate of Advanced Study in School Building/District Leadership from SUNY New Paltz, a Master of Science in Reading Teacher Education from Mercy College, and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences from Mount Saint Mary College.

**Mr. Tony Kcira** was appointed to the position of Coordinator of School Transportation. Previously, he served as a Communications Officer for the Rockland County Sheriff's Department and as a School Bus Dispatcher for the

Clarkstown Central School District. Mr. Kcira holds a Bachelor of Science in Financial Management from Dominican University.

The PRSD warmly welcomes these new District Administrators as we prepare for a new and exciting 2023-24 school year.

Sincerely,

*Marco F. Pochintesta, Ed. D.*  
Superintendent of Schools