

LUMBERJACK LEDGER

FALL '23 - FAMILY & STAFF UPDATES



DCS Families and Staff,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and filled with excitement as we prepare to kick off another school year! The entire Deposit CSD team is thrilled to welcome back our students, staff, and families for what promises to be a year of growth, learning, and unforgettable experiences. We're looking forward to seeing you in a couple of short weeks. Enjoy the rest of the summer! ~ Denise Cook, Superintendent

WELCOME, NEW STAFF!

We're excited to welcome our new DCS family for the start of the 2023-2024 school year:

- **Anastasia Alexopoulos, Music**
- **Maryanna Cocchiara, MS/HS Guidance Counselor**
- **Ruth Lobdell, Assistant to the Superintendent**
- **Bryn Martin, MS/HS Math**
- **Treyvor Bigelow, 4th Grade**
- **Megan Miller, 1st Grade**
- **Johni Gotthardt, Special Education**
- **Jonny Troche, Maintenance**

We also have some staff who have moved on to new opportunities. We will miss them and thank them for their service to DCS:

- **Letitia Chambers**
- **Tammy Giacalone**
- **Rick Swartz**
- **Victoria Londner**
- **Melinda Webster**
- **Veronica McElroy**
- **Jennifer Macumber**
- **Ella Simmons**
- **Josh Butler**
- **Noel Picozzi**



The capital improvement project that began in June 2022 is in the final stages. Currently, the science rooms in the high school are being completed and will be fresh and new for our students when they return in September. Other work continues as the finishing touches are applied in the high school main office, nurse's office, guidance suite, library, and tech room. In the elementary building, flooring and HVAC has been updated and replaced in many rooms. Although we're nearing completion on these projects, we'll be planning for the next phase as we strive to keep our facilities in top shape.

DCS Works with Broome County Sheriff's Office to Hire SRO

Because DCS is located between two counties, Broome and Delaware, it's been hard to secure an SRO, School Resource Officer, for the campus. This is primarily because the District Attorney's Office in Broome County does not have the jurisdiction in Delaware County to run the SRO program. In response, Sheriff Fred Akshar proposed an amendment to the legislature which will allow the Broome County Sheriff's Office to provide this service to the district for the 23-24 school year. The District is in the active process of interviewing candidates and will announce any updates to the community as soon as they are available.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- 8/30: Pre-K Orientation 9 AM
- 8/31: Kindergarten Orientation 9 AM
- 9/5 & 9/6: Superintendent's Conference Days
- 9/7: 1st Day of School for Students
- 9/11: Board of Education Meeting 6 PM
- 10/12: Elem Open House 6-7, MS/HS Open House 6:30-7:30
- 10/13: DCS Hall of Fame Induction 5:30 PM

The annual District calendar will be sent to all of our families through the US mail so you should receive it soon. In addition to important dates, you can find many District policies in the calendar. You can also find important dates, policies and information on our website. This year, we will continue our early release days every Friday at 2 PM. This early dismissal provides time for our teachers to collaborate on a district-wide basis as they work to review student information and improve student outcomes. We are always working to find ways to help our students achieve. This time to share ideas, plans, data and strategies is critical to our teachers and students.

Please make sure you check out our website for helpful information. Our parent page can be found here: [Parents \(depositcsd.org\)](http://Parents(depositcsd.org))



Good attendance plays a pivotal role to a student's success. The attendance of every student at DCS is important to us - every day. We want to collaborate closely with families to ensure students achieve and maintain excellent attendance. Through open communication channels, regular meetings, and shared goals, we will strive to identify any barriers to attendance and find solutions that fit the unique needs of each student. Deposit CSD looks forward to partnering with families to nurture a culture of consistent attendance, empowering students to thrive academically and personally.

WELCOME, LORI ASQUITH, HANCOCK CSD SUPERINTENDENT

After many years of service to the Hancock CSD District, Dr. Terry Dougherty resigned and has begun a new chapter of his career. Deposit CSD would like to wish Dr. Dougherty the best in his future and welcome the new superintendent, Lori Asquith. Lori has served as an administrator for many years in both the Hancock and Binghamton school districts. We are excited to continue developing and expanding our relationship with Hancock CSD toward the betterment of our students. Welcome, Lori!

