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An Important Message from the Penn-Delco Superintendent

To the Entire Penn-Delco School District Community:

I am writing today to inform district stakeholders of the transfer of several secondary school administrators to other positions within the district. My decision to make these changes is motivated by the reality that high-performing school districts must occasionally adjust and modify administrative assignments. This is done to better address organizational goals that change over time. I am especially pleased that these changes will still ensure that points of pride within the district remain without unnecessary changes to our existing successful practices.

Effective August 9th, Sun Valley High School Principal Mr. Thomas Jakubczyk will fill the position of Secondary Supervisor of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Projects. Mr. Jakubczyk's move to a district-level position allows him to expand the scope of his work beyond that which was limited by his sole focus on the High School. His leadership with the implementation of effective and progressive programs is well-documented and he is deserved of credit for increasing the attention to our performing arts programs, increasing the percentage of graduates pursuing post-secondary education, as well as increasing the amount of Advanced Placement offerings. He leaves behind a positive imprint at Sun Valley. The district is fortunate he can serve in a broader capacity.

Mr. Pete Donaghy has been named Principal of Sun Valley High School. Mr. Donaghy's proven leadership abilities while serving as principal of Northley Middle School speaks for itself. He has worked with an outstanding staff to lead Northley Middle School to regional recognitions such as the Delaware County Exemplar School Award and also significantly increase student achievement. Many in our district community are already familiar with Mr. Donaghy which will be an asset as he begins his time at Sun Valley. He is an outstanding administrator who will complement the high school staff especially well.

Mrs. Carol Russell has been named Principal of Northley Middle School. She is presently the Penn-Delco Supervisor of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction and has had a very large amount of experience working with the staff and administrators at Northley. She has previously served as an administrator at a middle-school in the state of Delaware, served on state-wide committees for curriculum development, taught at the University level as an adjunct instructor, and most importantly, is passionate about working with students at the Middle-School level.



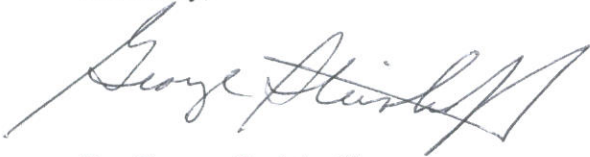
Her close knowledge of student-oriented events, programs, curriculum, and staff at Northley makes her an ideal Principal who can maintain the school's existing effective practices.

The position of Dean of Students at Northley has been transferred to Sun Valley High School. In order to fill the void from the loss of this position and also provide a second assistant principal at Northley, Ms. Amy Bell will be transferred to the middle school. Having served as an Assistant Principal at Sun Valley for the past eight years, her talent will transfer well to Northley. She is skilled and adept at maintaining a positive and academic school atmosphere. Her experience at the high-school level will be useful with transitioning students into Sun Valley. She is aware of Sun Valley's expectations and the increased academic rigor that is inherent to the high school experience. Her knowledge will serve to continue the elevation of proven student achievement. The district has begun a search for Ms. Bell's replacement at Sun Valley High School.

All of the affected administrators are very excited with their new roles. They are confident and wise enough to maintain many of the programs that serve the Penn-Delco students so well.

I wish everyone a wonderful remainder to your summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Steinhoff". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Dr. George Steinhoff
Superintendent of Schools