



# CAMP HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## CAMP HILL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS ANNOUNCES DANIEL D. SERFASS AS THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Camp Hill Board of School Directors appointed Mr. Daniel D. Serfass as Superintendent of the Camp Hill School District at its Board meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021. Mr. Serfass is expected to assume his duties in CHSD on or before April 5, 2021.

"Camp Hill is an excellent school district with tremendous potential to move to the next level of excellence," said Mr. Serfass. "I am excited to partner with the school board, the staff and the community to specifically define what that 'next level' will look like, and provide the students of Camp Hill with a tremendous educational experience. I've had the opportunity to work closely with some phenomenal school leaders during my time in public education and in my military service, and I plan on leveraging those experiences in Camp Hill."

Mr. Serfass is presently serving as the Assistant Superintendent at Elizabethtown Area School District (EASD). He previously held positions as the Assistant to the Superintendent for Learning and High School Principal at EASD as well. While at Elizabethtown, Mr. Serfass skillfully led the school district in all aspects of educational programming and adeptly served as a senior leader on the superintendent's cabinet for the past three years. As the High School Principal, his leadership and high expectations for student learning and growth successfully facilitated exceeding the goals of the district's comprehensive plan. Mr. Serfass' leadership fostered a positive, student-oriented learning environment that was emotionally, physically and socially conducive for students to flourish.

Mr. Serfass has also meritoriously served our country's military-connected youth as the Principal of Schools in Wiesbaden, Germany, Rota, Spain, and Livorno, Italy. He successfully led each of these United States Department of Defense (K-12) public schools that serve the children of our military personnel stationed overseas. Further, he has served as Assistant Principal at Hershey High School in Derry Township, PA and Radnor High School in Wayne, PA. He taught civics, naval science, physical education and coached various athletic teams at William Allen High School in Allentown, PA and The Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, PA prior to transitioning into public school administration.

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## **New Superintendent**

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Mr. Serfass is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics. He was awarded a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Lehigh University in 2005 and a Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from California University of PA in 2019. Other post-graduate degrees include a Master's in Management from Troy University in 1996, and a Master's in Public Administration from Shippensburg University in 1993, which he earned while studying National Security Affairs at the United States Army War College in Carlisle, PA.

Mr. Serfass is a retired United States Naval Officer. His twenty years of service to our country culminated with leadership tours of duty as a commanding officer and chief staff officer of a major command. During his career he diligently trained countless men and women in the performance of their skilled trades while sustaining exceptional rates of organizational mission accomplishments. He presently serves his community as the President of Hershey Aquatic Club and member of Rotary International. He is married and has two school age children.

"We are excited to bring Mr. Serfass into the District," said Board President Steve Karl. "We undertook a thorough search that included a series of outstanding candidates. When we undertook this search, we looked closely at candidates who demonstrated executive skills and leadership accomplishments; systems thinker; a genuine commitment to collaborate, engage and communicate with all stakeholders; the drive to mobilize technology operationally and educationally; the knowledge and insight to drive crucial discussions with staff and the Board; the ability to work with the Board to establish annual areas of focus and initiatives to serve the diverse needs of all learners; and a conscientious approach to budgeting that aligns with our mission, vision and core values – all done with integrity, resilience, critical thinking and a strong work ethic. As a board, we felt at the end of this process that Mr. Serfass' deep knowledge base and diverse experiences in leadership, interpersonal skill and professional accomplishments as an educational leader make him a great fit for Camp Hill," Karl added.

"I also want to thank my colleagues on the Board for their dedication throughout the process, and to the staff for their thoughtful input. Finally, I know I speak for the entire board in paying tribute to Mrs. Patty Craig for her dedicated and conscientious leadership over the last three years. She has certainly served us tremendously well and will be missed. A special thanks also goes to Dr. Patty Sanker for continuing to serve as our Acting Superintendent throughout this transition process," Karl concluded.

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

Kindergarten Registration Day for the 2021-2022 school year is March 31, 2021 by appointment. If you have a child that will be five (5) years of age by September 1, 2021 and will be attending kindergarten in the 2021-2022 school year, please check the District website for more details on how to pre-register your child. That information can be found at [www.camphillsd.k12.pa.us/registration](http://www.camphillsd.k12.pa.us/registration) under Kindergarten Pre-registration.

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## FEBRUARY

- 1 School Board Work Session, 7 PM
- 8 Schools Board Meeting, 7 PM
- 15 SCHOOLS CLOSED, Presidents' Day
- 27-28 High School MINI-THON

## MARCH

- 1 School Board Work Session, 7PM
- 8 School Board Meeting, 7PM
- 11 Delayed Opening (2 hour), Modified Kindergarten
- 19 SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 31 Kindergarten Registration by appointment

## APRIL

- 2, 5 SCHOOLS CLOSED, Spring Break
- 5 School Board Work Session, 7PM
- 12 School Board Meeting, 7PM
- 22-24 High School Musical, 7PM
- 25 High School Musical, 2PM
- 25 Canadensis Spaghetti Dinner, 4PM

## MAY

- 3 School Board Work Session, 7PM
- 7-8 Middle School Play, 7PM
- 9 Middle School Play, 2PM
- 10 School Board Meeting, 7PM
- 31 SCHOOLS CLOSED, Memorial Day

### SCHOOL MAKEUP DAYS

The District's practice of cancelling school because of inclement weather will not take place this school year. If inclement weather occurs on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday, the District will switch from our blended mode of instruction to a remote mode of instruction. If inclement weather occurs on a Tuesday or Thursday, the teachers will continue to offer remote instruction in the same way they have done since the start of the school year.

## CELEBRATING LION SUCCESS!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- **Eisenhower students** who held their annual Mini Mini-THON in November. They raised a total of \$5,766 for childhood cancer.
- **Middle School students** who participated in a virtual Mini-THON. So far, they have raised \$2,170 for childhood cancer. Fundraising continued through December.
- **Gavin Hoffman** and **Sarah Jones** for their participation in the PMEA District 7 Band.
- **Sam Haas** and **Jocelyn Little** who qualified for the PMEA District 7 Choir.
- **The Varsity Wrestling team** who beat MASH 52-22 in January.

### NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT:

- Hoover students and staff celebrated the **Annual Fall Festival** in October by participating in pumpkin-themed literacy and math activities.
- First grade students had a **special visit from Frank Littlebear** where they learned about Native Americans. Thank you to the Lion Foundation for funding this opportunity.
- In October, Eisenhower held a **STEAM Day** where students participated in activities that reinforced Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics skills.
- Middle School students enjoyed the first **PBIS Lion PRIDE lessons** on having a positive attitude and respect.
- Mrs. Lister's middle school STEM class has been working with **3D design and printing**. They have made bathroom passes, custom cookie cutters, and dish wand racks.
- 8th grade students participated in a **virtual Career Fair**. Community members provided videos explaining what they do for their job, necessary skills, and their career paths.

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