

INFORMATION, NEWS AND SUPPORT SPEAK OUT! PITTSFORD DISTRICT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION



Congratulations 2020 Retirees! Dwayne Cerbone, President

I suspect we can all agree, the 2019-20 school year had a few unexpected twists and turns. For our deeply adored and respected retirees, this regrettably included missing out on so many of the things you deserved and likely dreamed about in these concluding months.

A retirement celebration with colleagues, that last concert, a hug from the last student out the door and so much more. Forrest Gump reminds us that "life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get." That has never seemed more clear to me than this year. It is my hope that as you set aside the challenges of 2019-20 you take

the time to reflect on your entire box of candy. Your career in education has been defined by your commitment to, and care for, others. You selflessly held that box of candy out and so many had the privilege to share in the sweetness.

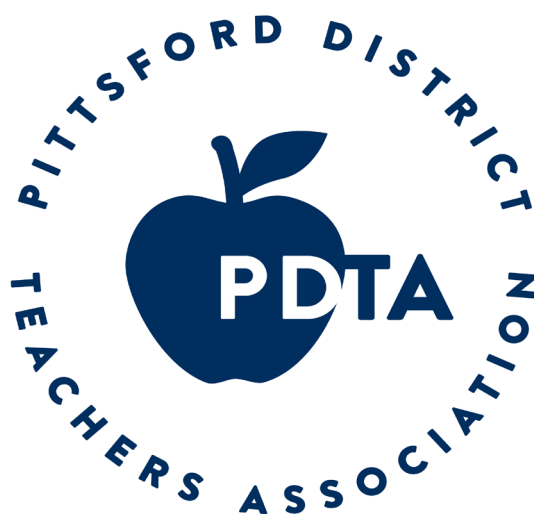
Forrest went on to say about his shoes, "Mamma said they would take me

anywhere." You have shaped the lives of so many students as you helped each find and attain that special thing that would spark their interest and propel them forward.

As you transition into retirement your mind and heart may be awash with so many thoughts and feelings.

Take a moment, put on this new pair of shoes and step forward knowing that your PDTA family loves you and stands ready to cheer you onward. It is my prayer that Forrest's Mamma was right and these news shoes will take you wherever you want to go. Our love and admiration is with you.

With all of our love and gratitude,
Dwayne



Congratulations!



Nancy Campbell

Last position at PCSD: Instructional Challenge Standards Leader/Teacher

Favorite Memory: My favorite memories will always be the amazing students I have worked with over the years. They have inspired me and given me joy every single day.

Plans after Retirement: I plan to spend time reading, painting and traveling.

A favorite quote: "There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in." —Leonard Cohen

Al DeCarlo

Last position at PCSD: Mendon High School Social Studies

Other PCSD Positions: Assistant AD, Driver Ed Coordinator, Coach

Favorite Memory: A favorite memory of your time in Pittsford: Getting to know all the students and staff over the past 25 years in the district. I am a rich man because my wealth is based on my relationships. I will miss you all and Mendon High School.

Plans after Retirement: Some travel when we can, community service, teaching, and some more travel.

A favorite quote: Given the choice, I hope you always choose kindness - and remember, you always have a choice.



Joanne Druziak

Last position at PCSD: Speech Language Pathologist, Sutherland High School for most of my time in Pittsford, and split with Mendon Center for last school year

Favorite Memory: As an SLP, I get to work with the same students throughout their high school careers, and case manage them as well. My favorite memories are seeing these students make it to senior year and graduation, because I have had the good fortune to watch them learn and grow all four years.

Plans after Retirement: I plan to travel between Tully Lake, NY, Rochester and Sarasota, Florida! I have other trips in mind once Covid is behind us and of course spending time with family, friends and enjoying sleeping in!

A favorite quote: "Seek first to understand" - Dr. William Sears

Cathy Healy

Last position at PCSD: Counselor, Park Road School

Other PCSD positions: Previously Counselor, Thornell Road School and Student Services Teacher at both Thornell and Park Road Schools

Favorite Memory: it would be impossible to pick one favorite memory but I love working with elementary students, where no two days are exactly the same and positive energy abounds!

Plans after Retirement: since retirement in December, I have golfed about 4 days a week, walked and gardened a lot. I plan to find a way to substitute or volunteer to stay connected with our students and with the counselors and teachers I miss so much!

Favorite quote: "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes." - Marcel Proust





Lois Houlihan

Last position at PCSD: Chemistry teacher, Pittsford Mendon HS

Other PCSD positions: Mentor teacher

PDTA positions: Building Rep., Building Membership, Building Health & Safety

Favorite Memory: So many! I loved "Take Your Daughter To Work Day", when my daughter was in elementary school. I had some great times bringing my daughter to work and letting her go to my classes and a few of my colleague's classes. Having some professional parents as speakers to my classes. Most of all-- the everyday interactions with my students in and outside of class.

Plans after retirement: Traveling to Ireland, working out at the Y, helping my husband and son in their business. Probably substitute teaching. Visiting family and friends.

Favorite quotes:

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." - Mother Teresa

"I don't care how much you know until I know how much you care" - John Maxwell

"Please be a traveler not a tourist. Try new things, meet new people and look beyond what is right in front of you. These are the keys to understanding this amazing world we live in." - Unknown

Tom Indiano

Last position at PCSD: Sutherland High School, Instrumental Music Instructor

Other PCSD positions: SHS Building Leader for Music

PDTA positions: former SHS and District Health and Safety Committee

Favorite Memory: Too many to mention. They are called our students.

Plans after Retirement: Spend lots more time with grandchildren

A Favorite quote: "Music can name the un-nameable and communicate the unknowable."

Leonard Bernstein



Nancy Leichter

Last position at PCSD: I was an EA for over 10 years at Thornell Road, working with the most fantastic teachers.

Favorite Memory: When I started working at TR, I felt right at home because my two daughters attended school there. They received an outstanding education which carried over into their college years and has helped to make them into the successful adults they are now.

Plans after Retirement: Being on a permanent vacation!

A Favorite quote: I have many favorite quotes that have inspired me. But, I have to go back to old traditions that my parents taught me about to always follow The Golden Rule. Goodbye Pittsford - I will always love you!!

Emma Ricci

Last position at PCSD: Fifth Grade Teacher Park Road

Other PCSD positions: District Grade Level Chair (6+), Grade Level Chair (18yrs.), Safety Advisor (15+), Journalism Club Advisor (2yrs.)

PDTA positions: Vote Cope Building Rep. Park Road

Plans after Retirement: In retirement, I plan to move to Florida where I own a home. Spend time with my grandkids and children. Read, relax, kayak, golf, and volunteer.

A Favorite quote: "Treat a child as though he already is the person he's capable of becoming."

-- Haim Ginott.





Janice Sengillo

Last position at PCSD: reading teacher at Mendon Center.

Favorite Memory: A favorite memory is every time a child's eyes light up when they realize they can read!

Plans after Retirement: I hope to volunteer at: the Wilmot Cancer Center, public library and food pantry. Also traveling, but the Canadian Rockies and the zebras of Africa will have to wait until next year.

A Favorite quote: Always remember, 'It will all be fine' and 'Life is good.'

Faye Shea

Last position at PCSD: After subbing as a school nurse in PCSD for 2 years, I was hired in 1999 to be the school nurse at Allendale Columbia which is not a PCSD school. However, PCSD provides the nurse to this school and St. Louis School, both within the PCSD.

Favorite Memory: It has been a challenge to straddle policies and procedures for the District and an "independent" school. But it has been a joy to work with the fine school nurses in Pittsford and the caring teachers at Allendale Columbia.

Plans after Retirement: ??????

A Favorite quote: "Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders, losses, and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can.

Tomorrow is a new day; let today go so you can begin tomorrow well and serenely, with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense. Each new day is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on yesterdays." - Ralph Waldo Emerson



M. David Shemancik

Last position at PCSD: Sutherland High School instrumental Music Teacher, AP Music Theory Instructor, Jazz Ensemble Director, Pit Orchestra Director

Other PCSD positions: Instrumental Music Teacher at Pittsford Middle School (before 2 middle schools), Building Leader for Music at SHS, District Standards Leader for Music (6 years)

A Favorite Memory: All of the large-scale concerts we have hosted, including those with guest artists. The District Jazz Festivals, Concert featuring the Dallas Brass, and times we hosted other schools here for all-counties and area all-states. The last concert this year of March 2nd - District Band Festival will be a very fond memory.

Plans after Retirement: Adapt to a different pace. Keep practicing, performing, and roller-blading!

A favorite quote: "Any great art work ... revives and readapts time and space, and the measure of its success is the extent to which it makes you an inhabitant of that world - the extent to which it invites you in and lets you breathe its strange, special air." — Leonard Bernstein

Debbie Stage

Last position at PCSD: SHS Library Para 2012-2020

Other PCSD position: MHS Library Para 1997-2012

PDTA positions: I served as the MHS representative on the Public Relations Committee. My duties included publicizing PDTA fundraisers and food cupboard collections and participating on the selection committee for PDTA scholarships.

Favorite Memory: My fondest memories include times when our school community stood together to encourage and support one another and celebrate successes. The power and grace of that solidarity embraced me on April 15, 2005, when on that day, my MHS colleagues wore pink shirts in recognition of my final cancer treatment scheduled for later that day.

Plans after Retirement: In retirement I plan to focus my attention on projects at home and spend quality time with my family.

A favorite quote: From the poem Mysteries, Yes by Mary Oliver: "Let me keep company always with those who say 'Look!' and laugh in astonishment, and bow their heads."





Ron Waterbury

Last position at PCSD: BRMS Yellow Team Science 7 Teacher

Other PCSD positions: I was a resource room Learning Specialist, also a co-teacher, and a Phase Science teacher, all grades. I have been a mentor, and also shared a SpEd department leader position.

A Favorite Memory: So many! The theme days celebrating Haiti, French Culture, and Earth Day. Ski Club, Seabreeze, and holidays in the library were always special, too.

Plans after Retirement: I plan on playing more music, coaching springboard diving, and spending more time outdoors!

A favorite quote: "You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars, and whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should." (Max Ehrmann, 1927)

An Ode to the SHS 2020 Retirees

– Sandy Stein

As this unique school year winds its way down,
We realize that many of us are wearing a frown
Because colleagues who have given their soul and their heart
Are readying themselves from Sutherland to depart.

There won't be a gala to celebrate their years.
There won't be a gathering to shed heartfelt tears.
There will be left holes too mighty to fill
But recognizing them sincerely? We shall and we will!

In April, Cindy exited with plans to see sun.
Her journey into retirement has already begun.
Music and theatre she'll follow with passion.
She'll explore The Villages by golf cart for that is the fashion.

Debbie will have more time to sip tea
While planning a trip - the Grand Canyon she'll see.
Love of flowers and bunnies will brighten her days
But family time together will be her most sacred "bouquet."

Amy has spoiled us with sweets made of love.
No doubt she'll be gardening, her hand in a glove.
Her fairy gardens await and so do her gals
To spread their warmth and good deeds in all sorts of locales.

Joanne, freed from all duties, can now happily roam
To Fairport, Sarasota or Tully – she calls them all home.
With no more testing, reports or IEP's to draft
Will we find her lazily enjoying chardonnay on a raft?

The next two fellows have dignified the school's halls
With antics, humor and joy-filled guffaws.

Together they have spent over 80 years as teachers.
Their students could fill the Bills' stadium bleachers!

Dave's the guy you might find roller-blading
When he is not standing tall with baton music-making.
The ski hills, golf courses and Jeep will provide fun
As Jared and he "graduate" in unison.

Indy is the "go to" in times of emergency
Although he'd much prefer trips with his family to Disney.
He's bound to continue mixing service and music
In a place like the Adirondacks, relaxing and therapeutic.

Our thoughts are with these six as they gracefully retire.
Their dedication, passion and care do inspire.
We wish them all well. We wish them good cheer,
But we want them to know they'll be missed around here!

Days of bells are behind you, and alarm clocks, too.
A leisurely pace will set in as you bid us adieu.
We are confident that you'll be happy,
that you'll all be just fine

So long as you remember:

YOU'VE MADE SUTHERLAND SHINE!!



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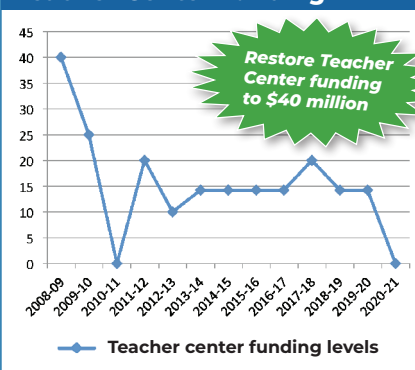
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