

ADDENDUM
August 7, 2017

Committees and Recommendations

- C. Administration Committee (Personnel and Discipline):**
Chairperson: Mrs. Hassa
All personnel actions are being taken by the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Action

- 18. Motion to accept a resignation notice from Stephen Santilli, Davies School Principal effective July 26, 2017 with his last day of employment to be determined (attachment Administration-19).**
Motion_____Second_____Vote_____

July 26, 2017

Dear Members of the Hamilton Township Board of Education:

Over the past decade I have been afforded the honor to serve as Lead Learner (Principal) of the William Davies Middle School. As only the third principal in nearly thirty years since the school's inception, I took great pride in the role as public servant to our school community and leader within the Davies School. However, as an educator who continues to learn and grow, I have decided to accept a position as Assistant Superintendent in the Egg Harbor Township School District.

Someone once said that I "was the face of the Davies School." While I take that as a compliment, it actually couldn't be further from the truth. A school community's true reflection is built and established by those in the trenches-- most notably our staff and students. This notion is based on the African Proverb, "it takes a village to raise a child," and the village known as the Davies School Community shapes not only the climate and culture of the school, but is the true "face" of Davies. This notion is what encapsulates #WeAreDavies.

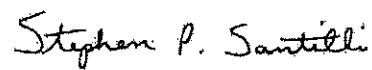
Please know that the decision to resign as Lead Learner of the William Davies Middle School was one of the most difficult decisions during my life and career. I have developed relationships with every cross-section of our school community and those relationships will last the test of time. We have learned together, grown together, disagreed together, laughed together, and unfortunately, cried together. But in the end, no matter what, we made decisions that were in the best interest of our children.

While typically someone tending his or her resignation is in no position to make a request, I am going to break away from tradition, in my typical fashion. My request is simple-- continue to build relationships. Meaningful, heartfelt and genuine relationships can move mountains. Working together will not only allow you to move mountains, but in doing so will afford you the time to focus on our most valuable asset-- our students.

I would like to thank the Hamilton Township School District for allowing me the opportunity to grow and learn alongside the best educators I have come to know, as well as allowing me to call the Davies School my home for the past ten years. It is my hope that our work has allowed me to positively impact at least one parent, one student and one staff member, because "one" is all it takes to change our world.

While my decision is bittersweet please accept this letter as my formal resignation from the Hamilton Township School District.

Respectfully:


Stephen P. Santilli

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