

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT Office of the Superintendent of Schools 45 Mount Rock Road Newville, PA 17241-9466 (717) 776-2412

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Dear Big Spring Students, Staff, Families, and Community:

I am truly honored and excited to have been selected as the next Superintendent of Schools for the Big Spring School District. As a proud member of the Bulldog Family for the last sixteen years, I have developed such a love and pride for our school community and am humbled by the opportunity to lead our school district as Superintendent. Over the course of my tenure in the Big Spring School District, I have served our community as a Principal at Newville Elementary School, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and most recently as the Assistant Superintendent. Within each capacity that I served, I found there to be several enduring truths about the Big Spring School District; we have the most respectful and hard working students of any I have had the pleasure of working with, our staff are entirely committed to the success of each student and the entire community, and we are blessed with tremendous support by a community rich with pride and tradition! Again, because of these and so many other reasons, I am extremely excited to serve the Big Spring School District as your Superintendent.

Personally, I am also blessed to live in the Big Spring School District. My wife and I have three beautiful daughters that attend Mount Rock Elementary School and the Big Spring Middle School. I am so grateful for the learning experiences they have had in our District and to have them grow and learn in the Big Spring Community. Raising a family in a rural community, while having them receive such a high quality education is something that we intentionally sought out when finding a home. As a leader in our District, I believe that residing in the community provides tremendous benefit. Ultimately, being directly able to consider both the student and parent's perspective from my own family's experiences is invaluable when making key decisions as a district leader.

I started my career in education over twenty-one years ago in Spotsylvania County Public Schools in Fredericksburg, Virginia. As a new educator, my hope was to engage in a career that could positively impact students, their families, their community, and our world. Over the last two decades, I have found that we can have that kind of impact when we partner together for the benefit of the students. At Big Spring, we partner together to deliver on our promise to help each student develop competencies with our Profile of a Graduate. Students gain skills in citizenship, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and passion for continuous learning. As a school community, when we help our students succeed in these areas, they not only have a clear competitive advantage in the world, but they become life ready. As we progress through the pandemic and return to some sense of normalcy in education this year, I look forward to rekindling the spirit of the Profile of a Graduate and supporting our staff to deliver on this promise to each student. The impact can be life changing! I am excited to supplement this letter of introduction, with two additional opportunities to connect. Below are two dates and times for an informal "Meet and Greet". Given how busy the summer can get for families, the opportunities are virtual allowing for connection from each family's place of convenience. As we get closer to the start of the school year, I look forward to seeing students and families in person at our schools' Open House events and Back to School Nights. Our two scheduled "Meet and Greet" opportunities are:

DATE / TIME	CONNECTION INFORMATION
Monday, July 12 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM	https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0uduGurzgrGdfTtLQDjcqijHSWgixWr1Qs
Wednesday, July 28th at 1:00 PM	https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEoc-qsqD4qHdTnSRQOZPaVI6vKEjsY4eCN

As I close, I want to thank you for trusting me to serve as your next Superintendent of Schools and for trusting our team at Big Spring to serve your student and your family! I hope that you are able to join me on either July 12<sup>th</sup> or July 28<sup>th</sup> for our "Meet and Greet". I look forward to partnering with you over the coming weeks, months, and years to continue to provide premier educational experiences for our students.

I hope that you have a safe, restful, and family-filled summer!

Ever, Always Strong!

Kevin C. Roberts Jr.

Dr. Kevin C. Roberts, Jr. Superintendent of Schools