

Dear Mountain View School District Community,

I want to thank the Superintendent, Dr. Elia, and the Mountain View Board of Education for this opportunity. I have worked in education for 17 years as a sixth-grade math teacher and assistant principal. Throughout my professional career, I have learned that progress and growth happen when a group of people cooperate, believe in each other, work hard, and celebrate the wins.

My first goal is to get to know the staff and students as soon as possible. On my first visit to Mountain View Elementary, I was impressed with the pride reflected in the staff and facility as I toured the campus. I will be a visible principal, and I enjoy interacting with students and staff in the classroom, playground, gym, and cafeteria. The most beautiful part about being an educator is that each day brings a new adventure. The students bring life to the building, and watching them grow and learn is inspiring.

I will meet with our students' parents. I will partner with you in guiding your child to reach their maximum potential. Our school's success depends on the partnership forged between parents, teachers, students, staff, and administration. Parents may contact me by phone, email, or in person to answer questions. Parents, I want your student to feel safe, secure, and proud each day they enter Mountain View Elementary School.

I want to finish my introduction letter with some background information and interest. I am originally from Ohio. My wife convinced me to move to Northeast Pennsylvania about 25 years ago. I have three children who are out on their own, except for their school loans and cell phone plan. My daughter gave birth to my first granddaughter in June of 2022, and we couldn't be more proud of that bundle of joy. I enjoy sports, a good book, and my favorite place in the world, besides school, is the beach.

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Patrick (Pat) McGarry
Principal

