

NEWS RELEASE

Ballston Spa Central School District Leadership Transition

At its September 6, 2017 meeting, the Ballston Spa Central School District Board of Education will accept the resignation of Superintendent of Schools Joseph P. Dragone, Ph.D. who has led the district since 2008. Dr. Dragone has been selected as the Senior Executive Officer at Capital Region BOCES, expecting to be appointed on August 21, 2017, and will assume this position on October 30, 2017.

Dr. Dragone has led the Ballston Spa Central School District through significant program growth during his tenure with the district. His work in the implementation of the Clean Tech Early College High School, International Baccalaureate Program, Artist-in-Residency Programs, School Based Mental Health Clinics, Robotics and other areas has expanded many academic and support opportunities for students. He also organized and led major facilities improvement projects that were approved by district voters and implemented since his appointment, including the historic renovation at the Malta Avenue school facility and the construction of the new Gordon Creek Elementary School.

Board of Education President Kevin Schaefer indicated that “Ballston Spa students, families and the entire school community certainly appreciates all of Joe’s efforts to increase opportunities for all students, build partnerships with business and higher education and in bringing our facilities in line with teaching and learning in the 21st century. We wish him all the best in his new leadership role at Capital Region BOCES”

“It was a privilege to work with all of the dedicated faculty, staff and administrators at Ballston Spa and to serve the entire school community during the past nine years,” said Superintendent Dragone. He continued, “I am really proud of all of our collective efforts to develop and provide an extensive array of programs for students in Ballston Spa.” While he continues to lead the district into a new school year, he will be preparing to assume his new leadership role in the Capital Region BOCES. He will deliver his final State of the Schools address to all staff on the morning of August 30 during the district’s annual Convocation at Ballston Spa High School.

The Board of Education has selected Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Professional Development Ms. Denise Jones to serve as Interim Superintendent upon Dr. Dragone’s departure in late October. The Board will be retaining Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex (WSWHE) BOCES under the leadership of District Superintendent Mr. James Dexter to conduct an extensive search over the coming months for a new Superintendent to lead the district. It is anticipated that the new Superintendent will be in place for the start of the 2018-2019 school. More information regarding the search process will be available this fall.