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Longwood Superintendent Announces His Retirement



MIDDLE ISLAND – Dr. Allan Gerstenlauer, Superintendent of the Longwood School District since 2005, has announced his plans to retire effective August 2012.

“I can honestly reflect that this is the most rewarding position I have held in my nearly 40-year career at Longwood,” Dr. Gerstenlauer said.

Beginning his career as social studies teacher in 1974, Dr. Gerstenlauer rose in the ranks to serve as a department chairperson, assistant principal, Director of Secondary Education, and in 2001, the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Learning, as part of Superintendent Candee Swenson’s administrative cabinet.

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Dr. Gerstenlauer has always maintained close ties with students, serving as a favorite class advisor in his early days as a teacher, and even today as superintendent. Ever the teacher, student members of the Legislative Committee have enjoyed civic lessons from Dr. Gerstenlauer on their annual lobbying trips to Albany. He has also facilitated meetings between the Board of Education and the Student Governments of Longwood High School and Longwood Junior High School.

“In spite of all the challenges, I have always held the belief that Longwood is extraordinarily well-positioned to move into the future and continue on its trajectory to become a premier school district,” he said. “My confidence in Longwood is largely grounded in the school community’s uncompromising commitment to children,” he said. He praised the many fine educators he has been associated with over the years and the unwavering support of the Board of Education.

School Board President Michael A. Loguercio, Jr., credited Dr. Gerstenlauer with leading the district through some of its most difficult times, “yet he never let the kids down as far as maintaining the core of what we do: educate kids.”

Dr. Gerstenlauer said he had been considering his retirement for some time and was announcing it at this time in order for the Board of Education to have ample time to determine the future leadership needs of the district.

“The district is in good hands with such a strong governance team in place and a culture dedicated to doing what is right for children,” Dr. Gerstenlauer said.