

Plainview-Old Bethpage School District Hires New Assistant Superintendent for Business

Dr. Christopher Dillon Takes Role After Retirement of Richard Cunningham

PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK (July, 2022)—The Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District has hired Dr. Christopher Dillon as its new Assistant Superintendent for Business. He takes on the role from Richard Cunningham, who retired this spring.

“Dr. Dillon comes to our District with impressive credentials and a proven track record of putting students first,” Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary O’Meara said. “I know he will continue the hard work of responsible budgeting that is mindful of taxpayer concerns while providing the best-possible education for our students.”

Dr. Dillon got his start in education as Assistant Superintendent of Administration for the Plainedge School District. Later, he served as Assistant Superintendent of Business for Valley Stream District 30 and, most recently, the Levittown School District, where he oversaw an operating budget of \$240 million for 7,300 students and more than 300 employees across 11 school buildings.

As Assistant Superintendent for Business, Dr. Dillon is responsible for the daily operations of the District, including managing finances, investments, security, transportation, facilities, insurance, food service, purchasing and athletics. Before entering the education field, Dr. Dillon worked in the private sector, first in the equipment operations department for the PepsiCo company, and then with the Kohler Company as an Account Manager.

“I come from a family of educators,” Dr. Dillon said. “My mother was a teacher, recently retired, and my father is the superintendent for Nassau BOCES. What drew me back to education was being able to do what’s best for the children. Since then, I haven’t looked back, and I enjoy every second. I look forward to continuing the mission of providing as many opportunities as we can for the Plainview-Old Bethpage students and to continue giving them the resources they need for success.”

Dr. Dillon has presented on both national and local levels on topics ranging from servant leadership and school security initiatives to school district operations at conferences such as the One Voice International Conference and Expert Educational Roundtable, the 74th National School Boards Association Conference, and the 96th New York State School Boards Association Conference.

Dr. Dillon has also served as a guest lecturer at Hofstra University and Long Island University CW Post on topics such as school district operations, human resource management and school district financial practices for the schools’ school district leadership advanced certificate programs. Dr. Dillon is also an adjunct professor for the College of Saint Rose and Sony Brook University, teaching school finance and human resources, school law and school district accounting.

Additionally, Dr. Dillon serves on the board of directors for Reform Educational Financing Inequities Today, a consortium of Long Island districts which advocates for equitable school funding. He also serves on the executive board of the Nassau County Chapter of the New York State School Business Officials Association.

Dr. Dillon holds a bachelor of science from St. Johns University, a master’s in business administration from Mount Saint Mary College, a certificate of advanced study in school district leadership from SUNY

New Paltz, a certificate of advanced study in school district leadership from the College of Saint Rose, and a doctorate in educational administration from Dowling College.

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Photo 1: Dr. Christopher Dillon

