



PENNCREST

EMPOWERING LIFE-LONG LEARNERS

Dear Penncrest School District Community,

As a parent of three elementary age students, I admire the tremendous amount of work and caring that talented teachers and staff dedicate towards cultivating a true love of learning. As I have researched and begun to get to know the Penncrest School District it has become apparent to me that not only are the teachers highly dedicated to student learning, but that all members of this district and community share in a common pride and dedication to the traditions of the close knit communities that make up the Penncrest School District. I am excited to be given the opportunity to serve the entire school community in our efforts to provide opportunities that engage and inspire students. I know Penncrest School District is a special place because of our community's pride, deep sense of loyalty, and commitment to the history and traditions of our schools.

I believe, **Our** students are and will be challenged to think creatively and to pursue solutions to a wide range of global problems and challenges. Beyond academics, **Our** students are and will be good people who understand and respect that **Our** community's strength comes from its diversity of backgrounds, interests, and talents. **Our** students understand citizens have individual rights and collective responsibilities to each other and to their community.

I believe, **Our** teachers will cultivate **Our** talented, knowledgeable, caring students through an amazing array of learning opportunities in the arts, academics, athletics and service learning. As a district, we are fortunate to have the diversity of people, range of activities and depth of courses so that every child can discover and pursue their unique talents.

Throughout my career of twenty-two years I have earned two Master of Science degrees from Wilkes University (Classroom Technology, Educational Leadership- Principal K-12 certification) and my Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from California University of PA. I have had teaching experiences in PA, NY and OH as well, with the majority of my career being spent in Pennsylvania. My teaching career consisted of secondary mathematics instruction. I have gained administrative experience through positions of elementary principal, mathematics supervisor and most recently Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

As an alumni of Thiel College (Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics) I am familiar with the local area and I am eager to become an involved part of **Our** wonderful community. I look forward to bringing my wife Trisha and three children Kierstin, Brooke, and Van "back" to western Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Kenneth V. Newman, Assistant Superintendent