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VIKING FOUNDATION
SECURING OUR FUTURE

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH BEGINS Community-wide Collaborative Effort

Thirty years after joining North Shore Schools, Superintendent Dr. Edward Melnick has announced that he will be retiring at the end of this school year. Ed has served the District as Director of Fine and Performing Arts, Principal of the Glenwood Landing School, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, and for the past fourteen years as Superintendent. **“It has been my absolute privilege and pleasure to serve the North Shore community for the past thirty years. I feel proud to be leaving our schools in the hands of incredibly talented teachers and administrators; and a Board of Education that continues to look to the future. It has been our goal to have North Shore remain in the forefront of public education. In addition to state-of-the-art technology and curricula, our Shared Valued Outcomes have evolved as a cornerstone of our district.”**

Through our Shared Valued Outcomes, we strive to create students who are Collaborators, Communicators, Thinkers, Problem Solvers, assume their roles as our democracy.

The search for a new spearheaded by firm specializing in school board has also which will be factored into applying to lead our current administration, input into the selection of

Dr. Melnick has been schools by his assistants, Rob has had a richly varied graduating college in 1982. and religious studies across

experience as a teacher on the Pima Indian reservation in Arizona. Beginning his career as an administrator in Westchester County, Rob came to North Shore fourteen years ago as Assistant Superintendent for Instruction.

Olivia Buatsi has been Assistant Superintendent for Business since 2004 and holds an MBA in Managerial and Public Accounting, and has demonstrated great expertise with regard to the financial stewardship of our district.

The Board of Education seeks an individual who truly believes in the North Shore mission statement: **Our mission is to nurture and enrich our students’ natural delight in learning and in the powers of mind and body. Each child’s awakening into confident young adulthood requires guided engagement with vital ideas and events of the past to realize fresh possibilities and discoveries for the future. We aspire to foster in our students those qualities of character consonant with the ideals of a democratic society. We are committed to reaching beyond routine expectations in a learning environment that encourages inquiry and builds its daily practice upon respect for oneself and others.**



and Innovators prepared to responsible citizens of

superintendent will be Leadership Advantage, a educational searches. The asked for community input, the profile for candidates district. Additionally, the faculty, and staff will have this individual.

assisted in his leadership of our Rob Chlebicki and Olivia Buatsi. educational career since He has taught math, Spanish, the country, and has had

North Shore Schools

Continuing a Tradition of Excellence

- North Shore High School designated as an International Baccalaureate® World School
 - North Shore Middle School designated as a National School to Watch serving as a model for middle schools across the Nation
 - The North Shore Schools have the highest number of students achieving Gold Medals at the Long Island Math Fair
- The North Shore Schools have Outstanding Performance on New York State Regents Exams, College Board Advanced Placement Exams, and International Baccalaureate Exams
 - The North Shore Schools have Strong Programs in Athletics and the Fine Performing Arts
 - 60% of the Class of 2016 was accepted to the Most Highly and Highly Competitive Colleges
- 80% of North Shore High School students participate in community service
 - All North Shore Schools have been recognized as Reward Schools by the New York State Department of Education

As we teach students to collaborate, communicate, think, solve problems, innovate, and commit to growth in oneself and concern for others...it is evident that our students perform at the highest levels



HOMECOMING 2016

An annual event at North Shore that builds in excitement as it is planned by students, parents, teachers, and support organizations. This year's celebration will feature the North Shore Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The inductees are Philip J. Como II (2005), Robert Grabher (2009) Ashley Janelli (2008), Lauren Janelli (2011), Laura Orticelli (NS Athletic Director), Emily Osman (2011) Elizabeth Sheerin (2011) and Brianna Welch (2010).

Festivities begin with a 10 AM parade from GWL School, followed by the carnival. The pre-game show is next, followed by the Homecoming game featuring the Vikings vs. Cold Spring Harbor. The Hall of Fame ceremony is at 5 p.m. in the HS gym.



THE 21st CENTURY LEARNING CAMPAIGN

Launched in the Spring of 2016, this campaign focuses on funding state-of-the-art 21st century classrooms that expand the use of new technologies and learning platforms. These settings will promote critical and creative thinking, collaboration, problem-solving, and innovation during early school years. Teaching science, technology, engineering, arts, and math in these classrooms will benefit students at graduation. The Viking Foundation's new campaign will enable our district to stay on the cutting edge of education. The prospects of this are exciting but they come with the requirement that the community again support this initiative.

These are exciting times for students but the rich and the beautiful North Shore education to which we have become accustomed to remains under funding pressure. The public/private partnership is a commitment that must continue.

**THE VIKING FOUNDATION
REMAINS GRATEFUL TO
ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS
IN THE CAMPAIGN
FOR 21st CENTURY LEARNING.
YOUR GENEROSITY
BENEFITS OUR KIDS!**

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SAVE THE DATE!

Spring 2017 Viking Foundation Gala

Honoring Dr. Edward Melnick, Thursday, March 30, 2017

VIKING VICTORY SQUARE

The Viking Foundation continues to support the VIKING VICTORY SQUARE, a permanent, highly visible brick square that will be located in the breezeway to the new athletic field at North Shore High School. This brick square will surround the path to the field and will be used by anyone needing access to the field, bleachers or concession stand, including students grades K-12, parents, athletics teams, the band, faculty and the whole community.

PURCHASE YOUR BRICK TODAY!

Be a part of the victory by purchasing a personalized brick! You may include child/children's name(s), family name, the name of your business, a quote or sentiment. Don't miss this opportunity to forever show your support for the North Shore Schools!

**For information visit: www.nsvikings.org or
email us at: info@nsvikings.org or call us at:
516.945.9320**



Purchase Your Personalized Brick Today!

Email: bricks@nsvikings.org

12 x 12 bricks: \$500

6 x 9 bricks: \$250

4 x 8 bricks: \$100

All donations are tax deductible. Payments may be made to Viking Foundation, P.O. Box 155, Sea Cliff, N.Y. 11579 or via credit card to www.nsvikings.org

OUR MISSION

“The Viking Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enriching the educational experience of students in our school district and securing their future.”

THIS IS IMPORTANT

The Viking Foundation believes a private-public partnership will help endow our schools for our children, now and in the future. For those that have enjoyed the excellence of our schools first-hand, there are few endeavors that could be as compelling in our community as this campaign.

The success of The Viking Foundation’s Campaign For 21st Century Learning depends on the residents of the North Shore Community.

Please join us in our effort. Your pledges of support will help secure the future for our children, our schools, and our community.



Please turn over for important information on how you can help!

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED NOW!

The success of The Viking Foundation’s “*Leading the Way to Learning in the 21st Century*” campaign depends on the residents of the NS Community. The Viking Foundation now seeks contributions to support new learning opportunities. This includes: State-of-the Art Classrooms \$950,000, Arts Education \$550,000, and completion of the VF Victorian Studio 100,000.

Please join us in our effort. Yes, I am pleased to make the following tax deductible contribution (check one):

Contribution Level:

- Gold \$500, Silver \$250, Bronze \$150, Other Amount \$ _____
- My contribution is enclosed **OR** Please charge my VISA MasterCard AmEx Account
- Check Payable to: The Viking Foundation

First and Last Name as it appears on card, if different please print clearly _____

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Thank you for your support!

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