

Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School

Every Student Matters...Every Moment Counts!

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Dear Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School Community,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter to the Miller Place School District community as the newly appointed Principal of the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School. Having grown up in Miller Place, spending my formative years in the very classrooms where your children currently sit, I have a deep understanding and affection towards the impact this school district, its teachers, faculty and staff have on its children. The Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School is a truly special place where a child's appetite for discovery and sense of curiosity comes to the forefront. Together with you, your children and all the teachers and staff at the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School, we will continue to create a learning environment committed to your child's academic, social and emotional success.

The 2019-20 School year will mark my 17th year in education, but I am also a father and husband. I have two beautiful girls, Ella who is entering first grade and Lara who just turned three, who have the best teacher I have ever met, my wife Rebecca. The importance of family cannot be undervalued and our staff will continue to make the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School a second home to all of your children. I have had the privilege and experience of being a High School Business Teacher, a High School Dean and Middle School Assistant Principal during my educational career. My understanding and insight of where your children are going provides me a unique opportunity to help prepare them for the challenges they, and you, will encounter during their early adolescent years.

Throughout out my career, I have focused my efforts on improving communication with parents and community members and being open and collaborative with all stakeholders. I believe a partnership needs to exist between school and home in order to provide your children a positive educational experience. To begin to establish these lines of communication I will be holding two "Meet and Greet" sessions on the following dates and times:

August 20 th , 2019	10am – 11am	Library
August 22 nd , 2019	5pm – 6pm	Library

These meetings, for both parents and students, will allow me to introduce myself to the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School community. If you are unable to attend either of the "Meet and Greets" I will be available and circulating the halls on the "LADSBS student walkthrough" days being held on August 28th and 29th from 9am – 12pm.

I will continue to meet with staff over the remaining part of the summer and start the discussions to find new and fun ways to impart a love of learning on the students of Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School. So enjoy the final days of summer, I can't wait to meet you all, and I am excited to be a part of the Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School. If you have any questions between now and the start of school, please do not hesitate to contact me at 631-474-2713 or cherrs@millierplace.k12.ny.us.

Sincerely,

Chris Herrschaft
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Laddie A. Decker Sound Beach School