

POCANTICO HILLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pocantico Hills Central School District Appoints Valancia F. Douglas, Ed. D. as Superintendent of Schools

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Sleepy Hollow, New York – We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Valencia F. Douglas as the new Superintendent of the Pocantico Hills Central School District. Dr. Douglas will begin her duties as Superintendent on September 7, 2010.

Dr. Douglas has had an illustrious career with more than 35 years experience as an educator and administrator, most recently as the Superintendent of Nyack School District in Rockland County. Previously, she served as the Assistant Superintendent of Secondary and Middle Schools for the Madison Metropolitan School District in Madison, Wisconsin, Principal of Osborne Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana, and as a Special Education Teacher in Syracuse, New York. Dr. Douglas earned her Doctorate of Education in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University.

Dr. Douglas has been recognized throughout her career as a leader in her field of education. With strong community involvement she developed and led the implementation of the Nyack School District's five year Strategic Plan and introduced an innovative robotics curriculum. Most recently, Dr. Douglas received the 2010 Educational Leader of Distinction Award from the Nyack branch of the NAACP.

She brings to Pocantico Hills not only her stellar qualifications and experience but also a tremendous enthusiasm and love for the education of children. Beginning her career in education as a classroom teacher herself, Dr. Douglas enjoys working with teachers, administrators, parents and the community to identify issues and overcome them to meet the needs of students. "I look forward to meeting the community in Pocantico Hills" she says, "and working collaboratively with all the stakeholders to create learning opportunities to help all children reach and exceed their goals."

On behalf of our dedicated staff, supportive community and most importantly, our students, we welcome Dr. Valencia Douglas to Pocantico Hills.

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