

## WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Good Afternoon,

First, I would like to wish everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and hope that you all take the time to celebrate and spend time with your family and friends. I also want to take a moment to express my gratitude to Dr. DiLeo, the previous superintendent, for her commitment and dedication to the Ware Public Schools.

As your new superintendent, I am honored to be here and excited about the opportunity to meet and work with everyone in the community. I am confident that together we can achieve great things and create an environment that continues to prosper, positioning Ware Public Schools as the leading school district in the state of Massachusetts. As your new superintendent, I understand the importance of building relationships that facilitate communication and support ideas from all stakeholders that include families, staff, and students. This collaboration will ensure that our students receive the best possible education, challenging them to reach their highest potential and preparing them for college and careers after graduation.

I would like to take a moment to share a bit about myself and my background. I am a third-generation Mexican American born and raised in New Mexico. My parents instilled in me the values of hard work and dedication that I will bring with me to Ware. My father proudly served in the military for almost 30 years, and my mother, after raising her own children, pursued her teaching degree with an emphasis in autism spectrum disorders. She has since served as a special education teacher, working with students identified as autistic. I too served my country in the military and am proud to say that I am now a retired veteran. Over the past 20 years, I have had the privilege of working in education, fulfilling multiple roles within a district providing me the opportunity to understand the challenges through multiple lenses.

I take great pride in being a first-generation college graduate, and I am committed to ensuring that individuals, regardless of their challenges, background, culture, or race, have the same opportunity to reach their highest potential and achieve their dreams. To accomplish this, we must work together as adults and hold ourselves and each other accountable in maintaining the highest standards for our students.

During the month of May and early June, I had the opportunity to meet several of you, which provided me with a glimpse of the wonderful things that the Ware Public Schools are providing for our students. Throughout the summer, I will be meeting with community members and available staff and working closely with our principals and directors to ensure that we are fully prepared for the first day of school.

I believe in seeing every student by face and name, supporting them from enrollment to graduation and beyond. This means that every adult is accountable for our students' success, and it is our responsibility to provide each student with a high quality and well-rounded education. In particular, we will focus on rigor and high expectations academically and socially and we will ensure parents and guardians are partners.

If you have any questions or would like to come visit with me, please contact the Ware Public Schools at 413-967-4271 or you can email me directly at <a href="mailto:mlovato@ware.k12.ma.us">mlovato@ware.k12.ma.us</a>.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you and meeting you.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Lovato Superintendent

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