

Superintendent's Student & Staff Accomplishments

June 21, 2023

Class of 2023: I wanted to congratulate all of our Class of 2023 graduates of the Pocono Mountain East and West High Schools. We had 376 seniors graduate from the East High School and 392 seniors graduate from the West High School. The graduation speeches by our Valedictorians, Salutatorians and Class Presidents were impactful and memorable. Both ceremonies were fitting tributes to the hard work and success of the graduates. I am so very proud of all of our Class of 2023 graduates. I wish them the best of luck with their future plans and can't wait to hear about their next accomplishments as they pursue their dreams.

Video Contest: Congratulations to the East High School Video and Music Production Class for winning the Seventh Annual First Amendment Matters PSA Contest. "In a World Without Freedoms" was produced by Oksana Wojcik, Gianna Mignella, and Ryan Corley. Their teachers were Heather Baldauff and Tim Eick.

New Balance Outdoor Nationals: On Saturday, June 17, Pocono Mountain East High School Freshman, AJ Formica, competed in the 2023 New Balance Outdoor Nationals held at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. AJ earned a 2nd Place medal for in Freshman Boys Javelin competition with a new personal best throw of 155.11 feet.

Appreciation & Best Wishes: On behalf of our administrative team and the entire Pocono Mountain School District, I want to thank Ms. Jackie Leonard for her many years of service as a school board director on the Pocono Mountain Board of Education. Jackie was first elected to the Board in 2011 and has worked tirelessly on behalf of the students, employees and taxpayers of the district ever since. Jackie's priorities as a school board director haven't waivered since she was first sworn in for the position. She wanted to provide the very best education and opportunities for our students while keeping our taxpayers in mind with every decision made. Jackie was the voice of the senior citizens and other fixed-income property owners who want our students to have the very best they can offer in the most affordable way possible.

During her time on the board, Jackie served in many important roles including as the Vice President of the Board from December 2021 to December 2022. Jackie also served as the Board's Liaison to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association from December 2014 to December 2022.

Jackie joined the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee in December 2012. She was the JOC Chairperson from December 2014 to November 2015; the Assistant Board Secretary from January 2019 to December 2020, and the Vice Chairperson from December 2020 to November 2021 and again from December 2021 to November 2022.

Ms. Leonard, Jackie, it's been an honor to serve at your side as the Superintendent of Schools. You have remained steadfast in your dedication to our students and the taxpayers of this district. You have always treated the administrative team with courtesy and respect. You will be greatly missed. My team and I wish you the very best with your future plans.