

Leading in a New Direction

As the Wyandanch Board of Education transitions into the 2019-20 school year, we would like to announce a transition in leadership as well.

Dr. Gina Talbert, a longtime district administrator has graciously agreed to step into the role of Acting Superintendent and lead Wyandanch forward with greater transparency, accountability, and collaboration. Board President Shirley Baker shared that Dr. Talbert's rich history in the district made her the natural choice, "In addition to her strong leadership as a turnaround principal at Milton Olive Middle School, leading the school's removal from *New York State's School Under Registration Review and Most Violent School Lists*, she has been a leader of key district initiatives. We are confident in Dr. Talbert's vision, passion, student-centered focus and dedication to continuous improvement."



Dr. Talbert has over thirty years of experience in education and as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction has played an integral role in strategic planning, leadership development, and curriculum redesign. Under Dr. Talbert's direction, Wyandanch has seen a marked growth in students earning high school credit in 8th grade and college credit in high school, an overall rise in grades 3-8 assessment scores and a stronger academic early childhood program.

Dr. Talbert will collaborate with district and building leaders to create sustainable systems and structures for improving both academic outcomes and school climate. She will begin the work by meeting with stakeholder groups and listening to their concerns. "By listening, learning, and applying what we learn, we will be in a great position to collaboratively define common goals, align resources, and take strategic action."