



BIG CROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Big Cross Parent(s), Guardian(s) and Community:

I would like to formally and officially introduce myself to you as your child's principal. It is with great honor and pride to be officially joining the Big Cross community. I have had the honor of spending the past few weeks working alongside Miss Hall, which has allowed me to get to know your children, faculty, staff and procedures that are in place. I am eager to be part of such an outstanding school and community. I look forward to building upon the outstanding and hard work that has been completed.

I have spent nearly the past twenty years in elementary education as an elementary teacher, PK-12 assistant principal and elementary principal most recently in the Granville School District before joining both Big Cross Street Elementary School and Glens Falls Nation! My wife is a first grade teacher and our son is going into his second grade year both in the Schuylerville School District. We reside in Gansevoort with our four year old dog, Maddie-Grace. I was born and raised in the capital region and have resided in this area my entire life. I was raised into a family of educators and look forward to immersing myself even more in-depth in the Glens Falls culture and community.

On the school front, I would like to share some of the priorities for our school community:

- *Student Safety and Management:* A review of all building safety protocols and student management practices. You will be receiving more information on our school character education programs to establish behavioral norms throughout the building for students.
- *Communication:* You will be receiving bi-weekly newsletters with all the continued efforts of social media, Parent Square and more. We will be holding Big Cross Parent Forums during the school year in a community/coffee talk format for families-children are welcome. These dates are: *Tuesday, November 7, February 6 and May 7 from 6-7 p.m. at Big Cross.*
- *Student Academics Growth:* Supporting students, families, faculty and staff with all district goals emphasizing on curriculum, instruction and assessment for all learners.
- *Student Attendance:* Ensuring all students are in attendance and on time for school every day. We will be very progressive and proactive with this.

In my short time here, I want to emphasize and recognize the dedication, commitment and excellence that I have observed first hand from our Big Cross faculty and staff. You have the good fortune of experiencing the positive impact of all faculty, staff and leadership.

***We will be holding an Ice Cream Social (for BC Students) as a Kick-off to the new school year on:
Thursday, August 31 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Big Cross Street School***

I look forward to partnering with you in your child's education. Enjoy the beginning of your summer.
Here at Big Cross... We are Better TOGETHER!

Respectfully,

Paul Morcone