



# WEST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent

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To Whom It May Concern:

I first met Dr. Mark Dietz when he was superintendent of Susquenita School District and I was superintendent in Derry Township of Hershey, Pennsylvania. I immediately impressed by Mark's commitment to children and particularly with his conviction to make the difficult yet often unpopular decisions as long as those decisions were in the best interest of kids. While Mark had all of the requisite skills of an educational leader, his technology acumen was most evident in the many initiatives he introduced to his district. Just recently, I was able to renew our professional relationship. Dr. Dietz facilitated several sessions on technology leadership of which I was a participant. It was a distinct pleasure to have Mark take the lead of this professional development opportunity. He is an enthusiastic presenter whose passion for technology and for public education shines through. As a former superintendent, he is well in touch with the work of schools and the roles and responsibilities of its leaders. While he is very knowledgeable in technology, he is able to convey and transfer that knowledge without being boastful or arrogant. Applying a variety of strategies and activities he actively engages all participants in a positive manner. In doing so, everyone leaves the sessions feeling that they have gained valuable information that can be put to practical use in the workplace. I for one am glad that Mark, while retired from the superintendency, has chosen to share his knowledge and experience with the educational leaders of today and tomorrow. Certainly, our profession is better because of his willingness to do so.

Sincerely,

John S. DiSanti, Ph.D.