



Michael T. Conner, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

November 4, 2019

Dear Keigwin Middle School Families and Staff,

Happy November and I hope you are having a successful 2019 – 2020 academic year. Since the start of the academic year, Mr. Joseph Casella has been serving as the Interim Assistant Principal of Keigwin Middle School. In August, Mr. Casella agreed to be in the interim role until November 1, 2019. I want to publicly thank Mr. Casella for his continued contributions to Middletown Public Schools. At our Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2019, I will be presenting Mr. Casella with a Middletown Public Schools “pin” to show our appreciation for his service at Keigwin Middle School.

Under the guidelines outlined by the Middletown Board of Education and Middletown School Administrators Association (MSAA), I am pleased to announce Ms. Kaitlin Ortiz will be the new Assistant Principal of Keigwin Middle School effective November 4, 2019. For the past three academic years, Ms. Ortiz has served as the Dean of Students at Farm Hill and Bielefield Schools. Ms. Ortiz has been integral with implementing the MSEL (Middletown Social Emotional Learning Intervention) Framework, which has significantly improved student climate at both schools. Moreover, her work with launching a new literacy intervention system at Farm Hill and Bielefield led to closing the achievement gap in various grades. Her instructional knowledge and leadership will be a perfect complement to Dr. Mayo-Molina and the Keigwin family.

I am confident that Ms. Ortiz will continue the positive momentum at Keigwin Middle School. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Ortiz as she transitions into her new role. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (860) 638-1401 or email at connerm@mpsct.org. Continued success in the 2019 – 2020 academic year.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Conner', is written over the printed name and title of the Superintendent of Schools.

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