



MRS. MELISSA PICCIANO

Supervisor of Special Services



The Florham Park School District would like to welcome, *again*, Mrs. Melissa Picciano who was approved as the district's Supervisor of Special Services starting July 1st. Mrs. Picciano is not new to Florham Park, as she is a graduate of the Florham Park Schools.

Mrs. Picciano has ten years of experience specializing in Special Education. She began her teaching career in Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland, serving as a case manager and special educator in co-taught and self-contained/resource classrooms at the middle school level. Mrs. Picciano was then appointed to be the chair of the special education department, where she was able to work closely

with families to coordinate programming and to monitor the progress of all students with Individualized Education Programs. In this position, she facilitated school-wide professional development opportunities, coordinated articulation with parents, and collaborated with the administration to ensure effective teaching practices as well as appropriate staffing, budgeting and scheduling.

Mrs. Picciano was then promoted to the role of Instructional Specialist. As part of the Teacher Evaluation System, she formally observed the performance of and provided feedback to two categories of teachers: new teachers and those who had been identified as underperforming. Coaching across all special education programs, grades Pre-K through 12, she offered modeling and guidance to build each teacher's knowledge base and repertoire of skills, supporting their efforts for improved student achievement.

As a graduate of the Florham Park School District, Mrs. Picciano moved back to New Jersey with her family and has had the privilege of teaching special education at Ridgedale Middle School, where she has also been afforded multiple leadership opportunities, including serving as the grade level Team Leader, founder of the student mentoring program, and as Administrator-in-Charge.

Mrs. Picciano is excited to continue her career in Florham Park Schools as the Supervisor of Special Services. She looks forward to acting as an advocate for all of our students and to establishing productive, positive partnerships with families, staff and the community.