



Superintendent's Message

November
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Dear Valley Central Families,

Happy Veterans' Day. As we embark on this holiday weekend, let us remember to honor all the veterans who have served our country. We appreciate their service and dedication to our nation. Here's some [history on Veterans Day](#) to keep in mind as we honor them on Monday.

Athletic Department Update

The Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics, Mr. Richard Steger, is currently out on a leave of absence. In Mr. Steger's absence, the District needed timely support for the Athletic Department. Mr. Mike Bellarosa, who has served the District in various roles over the years, was appointed as the Interim Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics. Mr. Bellarosa will be working intermittently over the next few weeks and will help transition Mr. Rodney Weeden, who was appointed as the Temporary Athletic Director and will remain until Mr. Steger returns.

Mr. Weeden comes to Valley Central with over thirty years of experience working in public schools, including nine years as an elementary school principal and eleven years as an Athletic Director at Watkins Glens Central School District in Watkins Glen, NY. Mr. Weeden has also served as a coach for various sports, including: track and field, wrestling, and soccer.

If you have any questions or need support regarding athletic matters, please contact Mr. Weeden at rodney.weeden@vcsdny.org or (845) 457-2400 ext. 17885. Please take the opportunity to welcome Mr. Weeden into the Valley Central Community.

Upcoming Town Hall

As we move through Phase 2 in determining the future of Walden Elementary School, the District warmly invites all Valley Central Community members to remain involved and informed during this process. Your participation is vital as we strive for a future that prepares our students for this global society. Please join us at the Town Hall below:

Date	Time	Location	Event
Thursday, November 14th	6:30 p.m.	Valley Central High School	Town Hall

For those who are unable to attend in person, the event will be livestreamed. Participants may submit questions or comments prior to the event by emailing them to communications@vcsdny.org and we will address as many as possible during the Town Hall. The link to the livestream will be made available on our [Future of Walden web page](#) prior to the start of the event. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing your thoughts!

Warm regards,
Superintendent Avila