KAREN CHASE, ED.D

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

PARSIPPANY TROY-HILLS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



Dr. Karen Chase brings more than 25 years of experience in public education, grounded in the belief that effective leadership is about building strong systems, investing in people, and keeping students at the center of every decision. She holds degrees in English Education and Educational Psychology and earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership, Management, and Policy.

Dr. Chase began her career as a classroom teacher in the Bridgewater-Raritan School District, working across the elementary, middle, and high school levels with students of all abilities, from early learners to those requiring advanced or specialized support. She has since served as a supervisor of instruction in the Montville Township School District, assistant superintendent in the School District of the Chathams, and most recently, superintendent in the Branchburg Township School District.

In these roles, she has designed curriculum and learning frameworks that have earned both statewide and national recognition. Her leadership has focused on strengthening instructional practice, expanding academic and well-being supports for students, and developing systems that help schools operate more effectively. She has also successfully navigated the financial pressures districts face, working to align budgets with the evolving and diverse needs of students.

Dr. Chase serves as a mentor for the New Jersey School Administrator Residency Program, where she supports aspiring superintendents and district leaders through formal mentor training and leadership development. She believes in the power of continuous learning and ongoing improvement and in the responsibility leaders have to grow alongside their communities.

“It is a privilege to have been selected to lead a district as dynamic and diverse as Parsippany,” says Dr. Chase. “Although I officially begin in October, I am already focused on learning from the work that is underway and building relationships across the district. I have great respect for the dedication of our educators and leaders, and I believe my role is to support their work, remove barriers, and help create the conditions where both students and staff can thrive. I look forward to partnering with the Parsippany community in the important work ahead.”

When she is not working, Dr. Chase enjoys spending time with her family.