

**January 1, 2019**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

**I am honored to introduce myself as the new Superintendent of the Garfield School District, effective January 1, 2019. I am very excited to have this opportunity to lead the district and work with all stakeholders; administrators, teachers, support staff, students, parents, the Garfield Board of Education, and members of the Garfield community.**

**My professional history includes working as a teacher, curriculum supervisor, president of the Garfield Federation of Teachers, Middle School Principal and most recently Assistant Superintendent of Schools. I am very proud that all my experience has taken place in the district, so it is especially significant to be appointed Superintendent of Garfield Public Schools. It is a place that I know and love!**

**Our students deserve every opportunity to succeed in a safe and nurturing environment. Much work has been done to keep our schools safe and we will continue to focus on making improvements to enhance security and safety. Many of our elementary schools are 100 years old and there is work to be done to ensure a healthy and safe school environment for our students in these schools.**

**Student achievement will be the focus and the top priority when making decisions that affect the education that your children receive in the district. The students in Garfield have great potential and are bright, talented, and eager to learn. It is our responsibility to prepare students to succeed in a 21st century global economy. Success in today's world requires students to communicate, collaborate, be creative, and solve complex problems. We will strive to accomplish this by differentiating instruction with the implementation of a tiered systematic approach which will create a culture focused on student learning and provide targeted interventions to meet individualized student needs.**

**One of the greatest positive attributes of this district is the commitment of the extraordinary teaching and support staff. My success depends on their success! It is critical to support their efforts and prioritize the resources that are required for them to successfully teach their students.**

**As parents, you are our partners and we share the responsibility for educating our students. It is important to remain connected through good communication. Please email me at [asciaccia@gboe.org](mailto:asciaccia@gboe.org) if you want to share any thoughts or discuss any issues that may arise. I can also be reached at the office by phone if you prefer to talk. Remember to check the district and school websites, parent portal, and download the new Garfield District App to keep informed of school activities and events.**

**Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Garfield Board of Education for supporting my vision and providing me this exceptional opportunity.**

**Happy New Year! I wish you health, happiness, prosperity, and continued success in 2019!**

**Kind Regards,**

**Anna Sciacca**

**Superintendent of Garfield Public Schools**