



Dear Parents, Community, and Faculty,

I am honored to join Canterbury Public Schools as your next superintendent. While my official start date is August 15, I have had the pleasure of meeting many community members over the past few weeks. I look forward to meeting many more of you and re-connecting with families I already know. It is evident that Canterbury is a community with a strong sense of pride and a commitment to family. It will be my duty to ensure that our school community emulates its vision, to be a learning community “Where Everyone is Valued.” This vision is a key aspect of every successful school district, which is to create a positive culture for a safe learning environment.

My wife and I have lived in Eastern Connecticut since 1994 and have been married for 26 years. We met in our hometown Woonsocket, RI and decided to move to Connecticut when my mother relocated to Putnam. What makes Eastern Connecticut so special is the caring and charitable people that live here. I am also the proud father of two children ages 24 and 22. Joining the Canterbury team was a family decision and we are excited to begin this next chapter in our lives.

I would like to thank the hiring committee for selecting me as your next superintendent and providing me the opportunity to serve the Canterbury community. I will be scheduling virtual and in-person meetings to meet various stakeholders throughout the town and school community. I am committed to listening and learning from each of the vested stakeholders in Canterbury.

As we all try to navigate our new reality, my entry plan will focus on quickly acclimating to current structures put in place to support our students and families during this crisis. Supporting the social and emotional wellbeing of our students is paramount. I am in regular communication with Superintendent Connelly and the administrative team. I have been very impressed with their commitment to the children and our community. My Canterbury email has been established, [srioux@canterburypublicschools.org](mailto:srioux@canterburypublicschools.org), and I look forward to connecting with many of you!

In Partnership,

Steve Rioux  
Superintendent  
Canterbury Public Schools