

BELLEFONTE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SEEKING SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SUPERINTENDENT PROFILE

School District Profile

If you are looking to lead “a culture of learning” within a charming town that has a “Small-Town Real” with a “Big-Town Feel,” the Bellefonte Area School District (BASD) located in the Nittany Valley Region of Centre County is for you. The Bellefonte Community offers a rural, suburban, and small town atmosphere populated by multiple generations and characterized by historic sites and Victorian architecture. It is located within the geographical center of the Commonwealth, borders State College, and is the County Seat. Interstates 80 and 99 provide easy access to the light industry, scientific manufacturing, and agriculture that support the local economy. The surrounding mines produce one of the highest grades of limestone in the world. Fisherman's Paradise is one of the premier fishing venues in the world, and the city of Bellefonte was named after the “Big Spring” that produces over eleven million gallons of water daily.

The BASD possesses a **strong sense of community**, and the community is highly supportive of the services provided to more than 2,600 students. The District encompasses 118 square miles, inclusive of the Borough of Bellefonte and four townships (Spring, Walker, Marion, and Benner). When you step into any of its four elementary (Bellefonte, Benner, Marion-Walker, and Pleasant Gap), middle, and high schools, you will feel welcomed by their 425 administrative, professional, and support staff.

Their “**culture of learning**” and **values of kindness, dignity, and respect** for others are deeply embedded within the District’s Vision and Mission statements:

- **“Working Collaboratively, we inspire a passion for learning, a commitment to excellence, and a respect for individuals and diversity as they prepare all students to be successful in an ever-changing global society.”**
- **“The Mission of the BASD is to inspire and prepare today’s learners to embrace tomorrow’s challenges.”**

The District’s robust curriculum and learning experiences support the District’s Vision and Mission. Click on their website <https://www.basd.net/> to review a detailed list of their curricular, extra/co-curricular, and community opportunities. A few are highlighted below:

- Partnerships with the University of Pittsburgh, Seton Hill, and Saint Francis for students to earn three college credits for each course they successfully complete.
- The Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology Center, a strong CTE school that provides real world work experiences via internships and mentorships, and other means.
- An articulation agreement with Delaware Valley University in Agricultural Science.
- Sixteen College in the High School courses, ranging from Calculus to MOS/Advanced Computer Applications, to Chemistry, to History, to Spanish, and many other options in between.
- Twenty-four Advanced Placement courses.
- STEAM opportunities within the District and in partnership with the Central Region STEM ecosystem, consisting of Penn State University, and community and business partners.
- Rigorous K – 12 courses of study, including opportunities to learn Spanish, French, and Mandarin.
- Bellefonte eLearning Academy (BeLA), an online and hybrid learning environment for students in grades K-12.
- Global learning through International and Domestic travel with embedded service and collaborative learning experiences.
- Strong and supportive Parent Teacher organizations/associations, Family Science (STEM) events, Family Math events, and *Bellefonte READS*, a community literacy event that promotes family engagement in reading and partners with numerous community businesses and organizations, including Penn State University.

Superintendent Profile

The Board of School Directors is looking for a visionary superintendent who will build upon the District's strong sense of community and academic strengths to move the district's current educational program forward and address typical challenges facing rural school districts. They want a superintendent with a proven track record of improving student achievement and promoting multiple student opportunities, inclusive of college, career, and technology education, and other post high school options. If you are a strategic, caring, collaborative leader with integrity, who will make difficult decisions, build cohesive teams, and inspire students, staff, and community to represent themselves, the District, and Community proudly, you may be the next superintendent of the Bellefonte Area School District.

Among a list of characteristics for their next superintendent, School Board, Staff, Parents, and Community members prioritized the following:

1. Strategic thinker who, collaboratively with the board, staff, and community, leads with a clear vision for the District.
2. Caring and empathetic individual who embraces differences.
3. Possesses a commitment to student achievement and wellbeing and believes in high standards and accountability.
4. Demonstrates unquestionable integrity and models transparency and honesty.
5. Encourages collaboration with and engages community members and leaders in enhancing school and community partners.
6. Strong communicator with outstanding interpersonal and relationship building skills.
7. Courage to make difficult decisions and address difficult situations.
8. Ability to maintain and build cohesive teams that energize and motivate others.
9. Leads by example and is the lead learner who models the need for professional growth.

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Applications are now being accepted by the [Keystone Superintendent Search Service](#). The deadline is **February 14, 2024, at 12:00 PM**. Each candidate's credentials will be confidentially reviewed for consideration.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume, and a completed [application](#) to supersearch@diroccoedconsulting.com. The Bellefonte Area School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

If interested in additional details, please call Mark DiRocco at 570-713-9159 or Connie Kindler at 717-215-4075. Candidates must meet the legal requirements to be certified as a superintendent in Pennsylvania.