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# Modern Teacher FRAMEWORK

The district has started working with Modern Teacher, a national framework which provides services to help create systematic alignment to modernize learning. The framework looks at seven

stages, or rubrics, on which to gauge a district's leadership, instructional models, modern curriculum, digital ecosystems, professional learning and community, and offers innovative and different approaches a district may wish to consider.

"Although Mineola
has been at the forefront
of innovation for many
years, our partnership
with Modern Teacher
will ask us to step
back and look at
things from a fresh
perspective," Deputy
Superintendent Matthew
Gaven said. "We are
constantly evaluating the
relevance of our programs
for students. Working with
Modern Teacher will help

develop systems to continually support and develop innovative educational programs

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Mineola Union Free School District 121 Jackson Avenue Mineola, New York 11501 Nonprofit Organization U.S. Postage **PAID** Mineola U.F.S.D. The Digital Convergence Framework provides a blueprint for systematic alignment across a district to modernize learning at scale. The Framework is housed in its online changemanagement platform and consists of seven Stages across the below six drivers below, with actionable steps and key strategic milestones to chart and manage the journey:



for our students."

The framework provides a blueprint to engage stakeholders in developing and narrating a vision for modern learning at scale, architect the instructional and technological pathways to incorporate our vision into instructional practices, and establish teacher proficiency in facilitating modern learning. Participation in the framework also grants the district access to a

nationwide network that allows districts to share best practices and approaches. Aspects of the framework are already being used and analyzed by principals and administrators and is being incorporated into professional development training for our teachers. The district was asked to be part of this network and to utilize the framework as part of its relationship with Digital Promise.

### Taking the TED-Ed Stage:

Junior Is One of 13 in World

Mineola High School junior Jennifer Moglia is one of 13 students in the world, and one of three in the United States, chosen to present a talk during TED-Ed Weekend, which is being held on Feb. 8 in New York City. She was picked based upon her TED-Ed talk, "How Sports Saved Me."



Mineola is among the few school districts

on Long Island to offer a TED-Ed Club. It allows students the opportunity to choose a topic they are passionate about and to then create a TED Talk. The club strives to increase research experience while allowing students to express themselves and practice essential presentation skills.

Through the club, Jennifer gave her talk on the sense of community that loving a sport's team gave her, the bonds it formed and how it helped her cope with anxiety. Her talk was viewed by TED and selected to be highlighted at its Weekend event. Mineola High School Class of 2018 graduate Anthony Pereira was also selected.

According to the TED website, TED-Ed Weekend is a youth conference that brings together student leaders from around the world for a chance to take over TED Headquarters in New York City and amplify the voices of the next generation of TED.





"It is a really amazing opportunity. They pick so few students for this, I never would have expected it. The only reason I chose this club and topic to speak on was to share my experience in the hope that it might help others. Now, I get to do that on a bigger scale."

Jennifer Moglia, junior



# Capital Work COMPLETED at Hampton



On Wednesday, Jan. 15, the Board of Education, administration and Hampton Street school community came together to honor the official ribbon cutting for completed capital work at the school. These projects were completed at no additional cost to taxpayers through use of general funds, in-house maintenance staff and capital reserve expenditures previously voted for.

#### **COMPLETED WORK INCLUDES:**

- Two pre-K classrooms, designed with structured play and learning engagement in mind.
- Brand new wing with cafeteria and kitchen.
- Additional second floor classroom.

Thank you to the entire Mineola community for its continued support of our schools. These improvements



maximize the educational experience for our 21st-century learners and allows us to maintain the community's investment in its buildings.

### Finalist for

## 2020 National Superintendent of the Year



Superintendent of Schools Michael P. Nagler, Ed.D. has been named as a finalist by The School Superintendents Association for the 2020 National Superintendent of the Year. This distinction

honors school system leaders throughout the country who are making a positive difference in the lives of the students they serve. Dr. Nagler was in the running for this honor after being named New York State Superintendent of the Year in October. He is one of only four in the nation selected as a finalist.

"This announcement represents an opportunity for AASA to recognize the tremendous work and outstanding leadership carried out by four ambassadors of public education who I would refer to as 'champions for children,'" said Daniel A. Domenech, AASA's executive director. "The National Superintendent of the Year program celebrates both these education thought leaders and the critical role public education plays in our society. We are grateful to AIG Retirement Services and First Student for supporting our program."

In its 33rd year, the National Superintendent of the Year program is open to all U.S. superintendents who plan to continue in the profession. Dr. Nagler was measured against the following criteria:

- Leadership for learning creativity in successfully meeting the needs of students in the school system
- Communication strength in both personal and organizational communication

- Professionalism constant improvement of administrative knowledge and skills, while providing professional development opportunities and motivation to others on the education team
- Community involvement active participation in local community activities and an understanding of regional, national and international issues

A \$10,000 college scholarship will be presented in the name of the 2020 National Superintendent of the Year to a student in the high school from which the superintendent graduated or the school now serving the same area. Co-sponsored by AASA, AIG Retirement Services and First Student, the 2020 National Superintendent of the Year will be announced during AASA's National Conference on Education, Feb. 13-15, 2020, in San Diego, California.



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