

## Centennial superintendent to share plan for district

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Since her appointment as superintendent of the Centennial School District in July, Joyce Mundy has made it her goal to speak with just about everyone with a stake in the community.

That journey of meetings and conversations, which she calls her “entry plan,” has guided her in mapping out goals for Centennial.

Mundy will summarize the results of that initiative at 7 p.m. Wednesday at William Tennent High School, 333 Centennial Road, Warminster. The meeting will include a presentation of “Framework for the Future,” which captures her vision for Centennial.

“People have expressed to me that it’s been quite a few years without a tangible plan for where we want to go,” Mundy said. “They want to see a clear vision, a set of steps, so that Centennial School District strengthens. We are poised to put that forward and achieve a level of excellence.”

Mundy has invited stakeholders to participate in discussions about the state of the district and improved communication strategies. Long-term goals, she said, are being formulated to build on the district’s current success and to promote excellence in education.

Earlier this year, Centennial hired the Communication Solutions Group to survey residents about the district. Most who participated said they believed the district is moving in the right direction and improving communication with the community, but a significant percentage of stakeholders said it’s too soon to buy into the district’s new administration.

Seventy-five percent of the 813 respondents said they’ve noticed an increase in communication from the district in the past six months.

Asked to “describe the identity” of the district, 39 percent described it as “improving/moving in the right direction.” Thirteen percent said the identity was “unstable/ineffective.”

The district was criticized a year ago when then-Superintendent Jennifer Cressman received a \$118,575 severance payment to get her to vacate her contract before it expired in 2014. She had been on the job less than two years.

Her removal led to the hiring of Mundy, the district’s third superintendent in three years.

Talking about her discussions with stakeholders, Mundy said: “The participation and collaboration of the entire community since the beginning of the school year has contributed to a more vital, vibrant, engaging community. I appreciate the feedback, and I am eager to share this information with the community.”