

Heidi Ondek

Heidi Ondek is a passionate educational leader with over thirty years in public education, all of which have been enhanced by her experiences in alternative and special education and her keen interest in education in and through the arts.

Heidi is presently the superintendent of schools for the Quaker Valley School District, near Pittsburgh, PA.

Originally from upstate New York, Heidi began her career as a special education teacher in El Paso, Texas. Since then, she has served various school districts in the Pittsburgh region as gifted coordinator; special education teacher; director of pupil services, curriculum and professional development; elementary principal; high school principal, and assistant superintendent.

Heidi is a recipient of the *2013 UCEA Excellence in Educational Leadership Award*, and the *2013 Jean E. Winsand Distinguished Woman in Education Award*. She is an accomplished consultant and has presented regionally, nationally and internationally on a wide range of topics related to school improvement.

Heidi holds a BS in Education from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, an MS in Education from Duquesne University, and an Ed.D. in Administration and Policy Studies from the University of Pittsburgh.

Heidi Ondek resides in Sewickley, Pennsylvania with her husband and thirteen-year-old son. They also have four grown daughters and six grandchildren.