

Joel DiBartolomeo



Joel DiBartolomeo has been an administrator in the School District of Haverford Township since 2004. For the last eight years he has been the Principal at Chestnutwold Elementary School in the School District of Haverford Township. He was an Assistant Principal at Haverford Middle School, and a secondary math coach, and a mathematics teacher in Haverford and Philadelphia. His professional career began as an accountant in NYC and Philadelphia. It was his substitute teaching experience in Philadelphia that captured his passion for teaching and helping others set and achieve goals.

The privileges he is able to enjoy today were not possible early in his life. He was born and raised in Philadelphia to young parents who divorced soon after marriage. Education, work ethic, and tolerance were the expected way of life and embedded into each lesson shared by his loving parents.

DVR-PASCD Board member since 2016 and a Doctorate candidate at Widener University with an expected completion date in 2018. His involvement with his community includes coaching, Vice-President of Ashbee Lacrosse, and volunteering with his family to raise funds for local projects and organizations that support at-risk youth.

He has published articles on Social Emotional Learning and the value of being a mentor. National and State organizations have recognized Chestnutwold for their practices in character education and work with Title I students. He has presented at various conferences in subjects ranging from instruction, character education, Mindfulness, and developing culture to improve learner outcomes in literacy.

Married since 2001 to Sharon, and father to three Middle School aged sons who give him more than he can handle after a full day at work with nearly 600 students. His interests range from Mindfulness, Psychology, Mathematics and Science, to Philosophy and literature. He is closet writer and voracious reader.