



## **Mr. Mark Pease Hired as Somerdale Park School Principal/Superintendent.**

The Somerdale-Park Board of Education is excited to announce the hiring of Mr. Mark Pease as Superintendent/Principal starting July 2, 2018 according to Melissa Engelhardt, Business Administrator, and Board Secretary.

Mark Pease is replacing Dr. Dennis Vespe who resigned his position of the K-8 School District, as of October 2017. Pease, is currently the Principal at the Charles Street School in the Palmyra School District. During his 11 years in the Palmyra School District, Mark has also held the positions of Assistant Principal and Principal in Palmyra High School. He has also served as President of the Palmyra Administrator Association, where his responsibilities included contract negotiations and membership representation.

Mark Pease began his career in 1993 in the Camden City Public School District as a secondary classroom teacher. While making an impact in the classroom, Mark also had the opportunity to touch the lives of young people as an athletic coach. While coaching several teams Mark was able to play a part in the development of young people in and out of the classroom. He has been recognized as an Olympic Conference National Division Coach of the Year.

His administrative career began in the Camden City Public School District as an Athletic Director, where he had the honor of managing some of the most successful athletic teams in New Jersey. Under his leadership Camden High School has won several Sportsmanship Awards and numerous championships.

In a public announcement, James Walsh, President of the Somerdale-Park School Board states, The Somerdale-Park School District School District is excited to appoint Mark Pease as the next superintendent of the Somerdale-Park School District. His prior experience with special education, career and technical education along with his leadership skills and outstanding character are all things which the school board felt were essential for our next superintendent. We fully expect Mr. Pease to lead our district in driving forward our comprehensive plan and also continuing the visibility, community collaboration, and open communication of our interim superintendent, Mr. Cleve Bryan. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Pease to the Somerdale community and in working together for the students of Somerdale.

There will be an opportunity to meet Mr. Mark Pease at the September School Board meeting. Check [www.somerdale-park.org](http://www.somerdale-park.org) for more information. As always, Go Cavs!