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Neshaminy fixture retires after 35 years

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Sandra Costanzo spent 35 years impacting Neshaminy schools in many ways as director of curriculum, federal programs and public information.

Last week, she took off all those hats and said goodbye to Neshaminy by retiring to the New Jersey Shore, where she plans to pursue other interests and spend more time with her family.

"I've learned to play every instrument in the band," she said Thursday of her professional life.

Costanzo was administrative assistant to the superintendent for federal programs and director of assessment. Other responsibilities included curriculum development, spokeswoman for the district and director of special education programs.

"It has been a wonderful experience," she said.

The school board last week honored her with a plaque for her many years of service.

A graduate of Rider College, she holds a master's degree from Temple and a doctorate from Kent State. Her professional activities include memberships in many education and civic organizations, including Rotary International, the March of Dimes and the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce. She also volunteered at Wood Services in Langhorne.

Costanzo is married to Matthew Costanzo, former superintendent of the Pennsbury, Philadelphia and Haverford school districts.

"It is a family (Neshaminy) that supports one another through the good times and bad," she said. "How lucky I am to have been a part of it."



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