

Mrs. Linda Rozzi has spent more than two decades as an educator and school district leader. She began her career teaching middle level and high school English for Bethpage Schools and went on to assume leadership positions as both an elementary assistant principal and elementary principal in the William Floyd School System. In 2002 she was appointed to the position of School Superintendent of the Tuckahoe Common School District, a small and highly diverse Pre-K through grade 8 district on the eastern end of Long Island. Serving as the district's Superintendent for nearly eight years, she earned a reputation for her diligence and dedication to improving education, ensuring the smooth day-to-day operations of the district and the execution of its long-term goals.

She initiated a number of groundbreaking improvements and reform efforts, including the creation of the Tuckahoe Foundation, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit entity supporting the district. Other achievements during her tenure included comprehensive curricular and instructional reforms district-wide, as well as the opening and development of the district's first middle school in 2002.

In late 2005, the district received the distinguished "Excelsior Award for Excellence" by the New York State Education Department and New York State Assembly and went on to consistently be named a "High Performing/Gap Closing" district as student achievement rose to new heights.

She has also spoken at the national level on literacy initiatives and reform. She has worked throughout her career on various educational advocacy projects alongside state and local legislators and continues to connect with other educational leaders. In 2005, she organized a Superintendents' Work Conference in Manhattan for more than 35 Suffolk Superintendents, partnering with former New York State Education Commissioner Thomas Sobol, Columbia University professors, and Suffolk County Eastern Suffolk BOCES officials. She maintained her strong precedent for supporting other school district leaders by serving for numerous years on the Board of Directors for the Suffolk County School Superintendents' Association as well as being a cluster leader for East End Superintendents.

Linda Rozzi holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education from Penn State University, an Master of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies from SUNY Stony Brook, and an Master of Education Degree in Educational Leadership from Teachers College, Columbia University. She completed extensive additional leadership training at The Principals' Center at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is a member of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, the National Council of Teachers of English, the National School Boards Association, as well as many other educational leadership associations.

Mrs. Rozzi and her husband, James, live in Southampton, NY and have been residents since 2002. They have two school-aged children, Connor and Brynne. She is delighted to join the central office team at South Country... a leadership team she feels collectively holds a sincere passion to improve education. Although South Country represents a much larger-sized district, it is one with similar needs that she is excited to embrace to ultimately improve instruction and learning for students and staff alike.