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From left to right: Harborfields High School Principal Timothy Russo; Legislator William Spencer, Diana Todaro, Superintendent of Harborfields Central School District; and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Rory Manning.

## **Harborfields Superintendent Diana Todaro Finishes Her Career With a Blue Ribbon!**

**Hauppauge, NY** - At the November 22<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting, Legislator Spencer had the opportunity to recognize retiring Superintendent of Harborfields School District, Diana Todaro, for her distinguished career in education and the recent honor of Harborfields High School being named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School under her leadership.

"Diana is passionate and she cares greatly about our students. She has had a notable career and in my opinion is leaving behind a legacy that is hard to find anywhere else in the country. Under her tenure, every school in the district that has been eligible to receive the National Blue Ribbon Award has achieved that status. To give you an idea of just how difficult and meaningful that designation is; there are 98,817 public schools in the country, and each year only about 300 schools are recognized with the Blue Ribbon title, that equates to approximately 3% of all schools. For one school district to attain that only speaks to one thing, an uncommon, fantastic and superior leadership quality," said Legislator Spencer. "On behalf of the entire Harborfields community and the residents in the 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, we thank you Diana, and wish you many years of happiness and health in retirement!"

Diana Todaro began her career as a math teacher in the Kings Park School District after completing her student teaching at Oldfield Middle School in the Harborfields District. During her 14 years in Kings Park, she assumed many supervisory roles including department chair and summer school principal. In 1988, she went to work for the East Meadow School District where she served for 13 years as an assistant principal of East Meadow High School, as a principal of Woodland Middle School and back to the High School where she was named the principal. In 2001, Diana was invited to interview for the Harborfields School District and was hired as an assistant superintendent. In 2012, she was appointed as the superintendent. During her tenure, both Oldfield Middle School and Harborfields High School received National Blue Ribbon recognition. Diana feels fortunate that she has been able to complete the circle of her career in the Harborfields Central School District. At the end of this year, she will retire to pursue other adventures.

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