

Amy F. Sichel, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Abington School District

Dr. Amy F. Sichel has been a member of the Abington School District faculty for thirty-six years and Superintendent of Schools for twelve years. Prior to that, she was Assistant Superintendent for six years, Director of Pupil Services, a school psychologist, and an elementary school counselor for Abington School District. In addition, she has been an Adjunct Associate Professor for the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania for over twenty-five years. Dr. Sichel has taught a variety of courses in the Applied Psychology and Human Development and the Educational Leadership Divisions at the University of Pennsylvania and in the Graduate Education Program for Delaware Valley College.

Dr. Sichel was graduated from Lafayette College with a major in psychology. Majoring in School Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, she earned her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. She received her certifications in elementary and secondary principalships and a letter of eligibility for school superintendency from the Educational Leadership Division of the Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Sichel was selected from among the leaders of the 500 school districts in Pennsylvania as the 2010 Pennsylvania Superintendent of the Year. She was honored at a session of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and received a citation from the Pennsylvania House for this distinction. Dr. Sichel was named a 2010 *eSchool News* Tech-Savvy Superintendent Award winner in recognition of her vision, leadership, and accomplishments in educational technology. Most recently, Dr. Sichel was elected as President-Elect of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA). She will be the President-Elect in 2012-2013, the national President in 2013-2014, and Past President in 2014-2015. This association represents over 13,000 superintendents and administrators from across the country.

Dr. Sichel's Superintendency in the Abington School District has helped to shape and reframe the district's focus. The district's pronouncement of "Excellence is Our Standard and Achievement is the Result" is the framework for the district's strategic plan. A rigorous and relevant comprehensive curriculum supported by relationships between staff and students is paramount to the outstanding results achieved by Abington's students. Recent accomplishments of the district, including the only community in Pennsylvania to receive a five-time honor as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People by General Colin Powell's "America's Promise," *Money* magazine's designation of Abington as one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America, and *US News & World Report's* award to Abington Senior High School as a Bronze Medal for America's Best High Schools, underscore the success of the students, staff, teachers, and the communities of Abington Township and the Borough of Rockledge, which comprise Abington School District.