SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Mark Doody is the Superintendent for the Hudson Falls Central School District in New York. Prior to assuming this position, he was the High School Principal for eight years. While serving as Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Doody has seen the Hudson Falls Central School District successfully implement a Coordinated School Health Initiative. Working with District’s newly established position of Coordinator of School Health Programs, the District clearly recognizes the important link between health and student achievement. An effective, long-lasting, school improvement initiative can only succeed if based on a healthy school system. The District has an active School Health Advisory Council with diverse representation from school, health, and health care professionals; five Healthy Building Teams; and an Employee Wellness Team. Because of the successful efforts in adopting a coordinated approach to school health in the district and community, districts across the state are looking at Hudson Falls as an exemplary model.