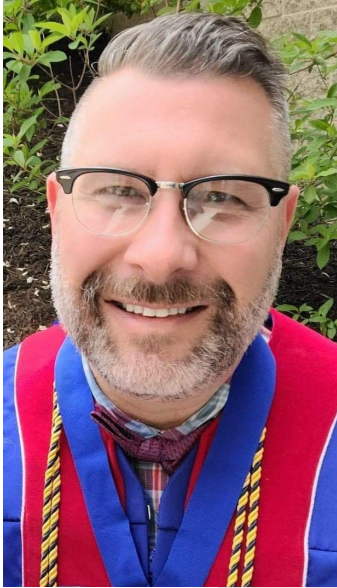# Dr. Daniel Clara--Assistant to the Superintendent

Dr. Daniel Clara is the Assistant to the Superintendent in the Southmoreland School District. In his twenty-four years of work in education, Dr. Clara has served students as a teacher, a principal, Director of Student Services and Federal Programs Coordinator. His work has centered on Professional Learning Communities, Mindset and building teacher leadership. During his time as a principal, Dr. Clara led two National School Models of Professional Learning Communities (Southmoreland Middle School and Southmoreland Primary Center). Southmoreland has been consistently ranked among the most overachieving school districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the *Pittsburgh Business Times*, including a #2 ranking in 2020.

Dr. Clara is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honor Society, the American Education Research Association and the University Council for Educational Administration. In 2018, he was recognized by Duquesne University as the Henderson Prize winner in the School of Education. In addition to his work in the Southmoreland School District, Dr. Clara teaches future teachers and leaders as an adjunct professor at Penn State New Kensington.