



NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Newfane School Community Members
Re: Appointment of Michelle Spasiano as Interim Superintendent
Date: May 22, 2024

The Newfane School Board is pleased to announce and welcome Mrs. Michelle Spasiano as the interim Superintendent of the Newfane Central School District. Mrs. Spasiano was appointed at a specially scheduled meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Mrs. Spasiano is set to assume her duties as Interim Superintendent on July 1, 2024.

Mrs. Spasiano will begin her work in Newfane to provide leadership while the District identifies the successor to Dr. Lisa Krueger who will be leaving the District on June 30, 2024, to assume her new duties as the Superintendent of the West Seneca Central Schools. The Newfane Board of Education has begun its search for the next Superintendent with plans to interview candidates in June. The Board hopes to appoint a successful candidate in July with the new Superintendent assuming his or her duties on or about September 1.

Mrs. Spasiano is an experienced school administrator with over 30 years of administrative experience in various roles and locations in Western New York. She began her career as an elementary teacher in private schools and the Clarence School District before being named as a program coordinator for Orleans-Niagara BOCES' Niagara Academy in 1996. In 1998, Spasiano was hired by the Niagara-Wheatfield Schools and over the next ten years served as an Elementary and High School Principal as well as the District's Assistant Superintendent of Instruction. Mrs. Spasiano was appointed to the Superintendency of the Franklinville Schools in 2008 and that post for ten years before retiring in 2018. Since her retirement, Mrs. Spasiano has served as an interim Superintendent in the Bemus Point Schools and as the interim Superintendent of the Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES. Most recently, she completed a three-year term earlier this year as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in the Erie 2 BOCES.

Mrs. Spasiano is very excited to begin her entry process into the District and to begin working alongside the Newfane Board, administrative team and staff to assist in completing the planning and preparation required to ensure a smooth, organized start to the 2024-25 school year in September. "I am very impressed with the planning taking place in Newfane and the leadership being demonstrated at all levels of the operation in preparation for a new school year. I look forward to meeting and forming partnerships with students, parents and staff and offering the support needed to implement these plans successfully."

The Board of Education reviewed a number of qualified applicants and interviewed two candidates for the position. Board President Santo Tomasine is excited about the opportunity Mrs. Spasiano's appointment offers for the Newfane community. "The Board is delighted to welcome Mrs. Spasiano to Newfane as our Interim Superintendent. She brings a wealth of experience as both a Superintendent and school building leader. She possesses a strong vision of effective schooling, and has a deep understanding of the educational and operational work necessary to make sure students and staff have everything needed to get off to a smooth start in September. Mrs. Spasiano's many years of administrative service in both rural and suburban settings should make her a great resource in assisting our team in its efforts to prepare for a new school year."