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Principal Donna Reichman Appointed Director of Elementary Education

The Wayne Township Board of Education approved the appointment of Mrs. Donna Reichman to serve as the next Director of Elementary Education. She brings a wealth of expertise to the position from her work in Wayne and in collaboration with other school districts on various curriculum reform, technology, and professional development projects.

Beginning this fall, she will be new to the Director's position, but no stranger to the Wayne Township Public Schools. Mrs. Reichman has been a member of the Wayne school community for the past 10 years. Currently, Mrs. Reichman is the Principal of the A.P. Terhune Elementary School. Prior to her appointment at Terhune, Mrs. Reichman worked as an Assistant Principal at James Fallon, Pines Lake and Theunis Dey Elementary Schools.

Previously, Mrs. Reichman was selected by Dr. Tracey Severns, the former Chief Academic Officer of New Jersey, to serve as a New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) Educator Evaluator. In this role, she was able to share resources and gain access to exemplary instructional models and evaluation processes. Most recently, Mrs. Reichman showcased a number of Wayne School District technology projects at TechForum New York, where she highlighted our use of Google Classrooms to increase student engagement.

Mrs. Reichman joined the Wayne Township Public Schools in 2004 as a gifted and talented teacher. In 2007, Mrs. Reichman was selected as a New Jersey Gifted Society Fellow and was trained in the Renzulli Schoolwide Enrichment Model at the University of Connecticut. Using her training, Mrs. Reichman developed the current districtwide GATES model. Her experience in Wayne as a gifted and talented teacher across the elementary schools provided her with many opportunities to become familiar with each of our 9 elementary schools.

Mrs. Reichman has a passion for planning and delivering professional development training programs for our teachers to support new curriculum initiatives and develop teacher leaders. She has taken a leadership role with framing our vision for our new Wayne Township Learning Center. She looks forward to identifying teacher leaders from our nine elementary schools to participate in professional development opportunities based on interests, skill sets and needs. Her ideas were inspired by a trip to the Google headquarters in New York City where she collaborated with the chief facilities coordinator to increase her understanding of the value in creating collaborative workspaces and smarter environments to motivate productivity in the workplace. With this experience, Mrs. Reichman gained a keen understanding of the Google workplace model to inspire spontaneous and planned conversations which ultimately fosters and promotes progressive thinking and shared ideas.

During her 17 years as an elementary teacher, Mrs. Reichman taught 3rd, 4th and 5th grade in the Matawan, Tewksbury and Kinnelon Public Schools. She regularly shares fond memories of her years in the classroom watching her students learn and grow, and she always dreamed of an opportunity to work with teachers to provide support and training. Her new role as Director of Elementary Education will allow her to continue her passion with shaping the teaching and learning process in Wayne.

During her free time, Mrs. Reichman enjoys spending time with her husband, two teenage daughters and energetic Jack Russell Terrier. She is a fitness fanatic and loves to travel with her family.