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News Release

Ginny Lockwood Named Principal at Mamaroneck Ave. School

MAMARONECK, NY, March 16, 2016 – At last evening’s Board of Education meeting, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Shaps recommended -- and the Board approved -- the appointment of Virginia (“Ginny”) Lockwood as Principal of Mamaroneck Ave. School (MAS), replacing Carrie Amon, who retires at the end of this school year after thirteen years of distinguished leadership. In making the announcement, Dr. Shaps said, “We are confident that Ginny will carry on the tradition of excellence at this extraordinary school and lead with a vision that underscores inclusiveness, openness and warmth.”

For the past two years, Lockwood has served as the District’s Elementary Literacy Coach, demonstrating a leadership style that is deeply rooted in curriculum, collaborative professional development and literacy content knowledge. She has worked passionately with teachers from across all four elementary schools on improving reading and writing curricula. “Ginny has proven to have contagious energy, with an unwavering focus on the children,” added Dr. Shaps.

Prior to coming to Mamaroneck, Lockwood consulted with school systems around the country to strengthen teacher practices and student achievement. She has a vast coaching/staff development background and extensive classroom teaching experience.

Lockwood believes the District has a clearly articulated vision that is consistent at all of the elementary schools, but feels strongly about the importance of each school community’s unique qualities. “My work at PS 116 in New York City District 2 most closely resembles the learning community at MAS,” Lockwood said. “The vibrant diversity of both District 2, where I started my career, and MAS speak to my personal and professional heart. It’s because of this particular opportunity at MAS that I’m now interested in making the change to the administrative side.”

Vibrant is the same word that Lockwood uses to describe her colleagues in Mamaroneck Public Schools. “The intellectual and emotional vibrance in the leadership of this District is unique,” she said. “The District supports professionalism, study, wellness, mindfulness. Sharing my journey with colleagues who are as serious about the importance of what we do as they are about maintaining a balanced, joyful personal life, is a true privilege. I know school districts, and I know that Mamaroneck is unique in the kind of educator it attracts and continues to support.”

A parent meeting was held at MAS last month to hear community members’ input on the qualities, characteristics and attributes that the MAS community believed to be important in the

next principal. Additionally, an interview committee made up of parents, teachers and administrators played an integral role in the search process.

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