

## HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Broadcast

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

It is with great excitement to inform you that Ms. Caroline Lunsford has been chosen as the newest member of our administrative team and will be replacing Dr. Anthony Fitzpatick as an elementary school principal in Haddon Township. Many of you are aware that Dr. Fitzpatrtick recently accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent in the Delsea Regional School District.

Ms. Lunsford is expected to be appointed at a special board of education meeting scheduled for this Thursday, July 29, 2021, and was selected after an interview process that involved multiple rounds and panel interviews comprised of district administrators and members of the PTA. Her actual start date has not yet been determined.

Ms. Lunsford's career in education began in Haddon Heights, where she spent 18 years teaching students in kindergarten through 6th grade. In addition to her responsibilities as a teacher, Ms. Lunsford was involved as an academic enhancement committee leader. She assisted her colleagues and principal with reviewing and making recommendations for K-12 curricula. Ms. Lunsford has been vice-principal of the Maude Wilkins Elementary School in Maple Shade since July 2020.

"My dedication to education and supporting the success of all students has been shaped over the past 18 years as a teacher in Haddon Heights and an administrator in Maple Shade. Over those years, I consider the connections I have made with colleagues, students, and parents my greatest accomplishment. These connections have fueled my work ethic, and I will work tirelessly to ensure that all children have the best possible educational experience. I look forward to developing these connections in Haddon Township and helping to build on outstanding learning communities," stated Ms. Lunsford.

Ms. Lunsford was inspired to become an educator by her fourth-grade teacher at Elizabeth Haddon School in nearby Haddonfield. Lunsford recalls her teacher, Mrs. Elaine Nepp, who developed a strong connection with her while helping to build her confidence as a student. Lunsford hopes to create similar experiences for the students and families she will serve in her new role in Haddon Township School District.

Please join me in welcoming Caroline to Haddon Township, and thank you very much for your continued partnership in education. Furthermore, as we prepare for the opening of school, **please stay tuned for a brief survey** which will be distributed next week

regarding some of our planned safety protocols. I have received many emails on this topic recently, and COVID-19 continues to heavily influence our planning. Please be assured that our decisions will be guided by data on the most current transmission rates and guidance from the medical community. As these factors continue to evolve, I do not anticipate a firm re-opening plan until at least mid-august after we have had an opportunity to observe how the transmission of virus behaves over the next several weeks. I certainly appreciate your patience.

Have a great day.

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed.D. Superintendent