

# MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 27, 2017

Dear Parents, Administrators, Faculty, and Staff,

Our District enjoys a level of educational expertise among our administrators, faculty, and staff that is helping us to reach, and in many cases, exceed our goals. As we survey our talent, we often make decisions in order to build capacity across all schools. Putting the right people in the right seats on the bus is part of good organizational management. As a result, I am writing to inform you of several administrative changes that are taking place across the district.

**Ms. Christine White** will serve as Assistant Principal at Paxon Hollow Middle School effective July 1, 2017. Ms. White has been asked to serve at Paxon Hollow Middle School as it undergoes leadership changes in both the Principal and Assistant Principal positions. Ms. White has seven years leading Loomis Elementary School and three years serving as Assistant Principal at Marple Newtown High School. She was awarded Pennsylvania Assistant Principal of the Year while she served at Marple Newtown high School.

Ms. White's energy, enthusiasm, and student-centered approach have been the hallmark of her success over these ten years. She always makes decisions with the best interests of students in mind and middle school students will certainly benefit from her positive, cheerful personality and her interest in their success. Ms. White's many years of experience in elementary and high school will be the bridge between what is needed from the elementary school perspective and what is needed to prepare the students for high school.

**Mr. Thomas (TJ) Gretchen** will serve as Principal at Loomis Elementary School effective July 1, 2017. Mr. Gretchen served as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Paxon Hollow Middle School for the past five years. Mr. Gretchen is a Doctoral Candidate at Saint Joseph's University in Educational Leadership. He brings an abundance of experience and knowledge in educational practice to improve student achievement through meaningful professional development.

Mr. Gretchen has built positive relationships with colleagues, parents, teachers, and students during his years in Marple Newtown School District. His organizational skills, communication skills, and leadership skills are well-honed.

Mr. Gretchen's experience in middle school will serve him and his students well as he transitions to the elementary leadership position. He brings knowledge of what is needed to fully prepare students in the elementary level in order for them to be successful in middle school.

Congratulations to Ms. White and Mr. Gretchen as they assume their new roles within our District. We are grateful for their service and wish them all the best as they transition to these new positions.

Sincerely,



Carol A. Cary, Ed. D.  
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## Announcement of New Principal at Paxon Hollow Middle School

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Dear Parents, Administrators, Faculty, and Staff,

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Tina Kane as Principal at Paxon Hollow Middle School. Dr. Kane returns to Marple Newtown School District where she had served as General Education Elementary Teacher, Gifted Education Teacher, and Assistant Principal at Marple Newtown High School. She comes to us from the School District of Haverford Township where she served as Elementary Principal for the past three years.

Dr. Kane received her doctorate in Educational Leadership from Widener University in 2004. Most recently, she implemented innovative programming such as school-wide Maker Space, STEM Day Challenge, and numerous scheduling revisions to achieve a more effective student and teacher experience.

Dr. Kane's knowledge of the Marple Newtown School District Community and her broad experience in elementary and secondary education have well-prepared her for the role of Principal of our middle school.

Congratulations to Dr. Kane.

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