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**Fargo Public School District #1**

## **FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES ADMINISTRATION ASSIGNMENT**

Fargo Public Schools announces the assignment of Dr. Kelly Dietrich as principal of the Self-Directed Learning Academy. She will assume the position for the 2024-25 school year on July 1.



A Fargo-Moorhead native, **Dr. Kelly Dietrich** currently serves as the principal of Focus Beyond Transition Services in Saint Paul Public Schools. Before beginning her current role, she was a director of special education at Minnesota charter schools from 2017-23.

Dr. Dietrich began her career in education as a Title I intervention teacher and coordinator of a learning program for students with chronic illnesses at Cyber Village Academy in St. Paul in 2000. She was the education services director at Broad Education in Minneapolis from 2005-06. She was a special education teacher at Dakota Academy Charter School from 2006-07. She served as the special education learning manager at TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School in Lindstrom, Minn. from 2007-10. She was an assistant principal and special education coordinator at Minnesota Virtual Schools from 2010-14. And she was a special education coordinator at the Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District from 2014-17. Dr. Dietrich also holds an adjunct faculty position at Hamline University.

Dr. Dietrich holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Middle School Social Studies from St. Catherine University, as well as a Master of Education in Special Education and a Doctor of Education in Education Leadership from Bethel University. She is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration through St. Cloud State University.

The Self-Directed Learning Academy, for grades 6-8, combines in-person and online learning and is tailored for independent learners who benefit from technology-integrated, self-paced education. The school will open for the 2024-25 school year and will be housed at Agassiz. Registration for the Self-Directed Learning Academy will begin in early April.

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