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EGPS School Committee To Review Contract for Tedeschi as New Eldredge Principal

East Greenwich, RI—At their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3, the East Greenwich School Committee will review a contract prepared by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian G. Ricca for Jennifer Tedeschi to be the new Principal of James H. Eldredge Elementary School. The position became available after Daniel Seger was named the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in South Kingstown.

Sarah Courtemanche, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Neil Marcaccio, Director of Student Support Services, and Brianna Moody, Coordinator of Human Resources, led the Search Committee, which had two rounds. Various employees, School Committee members, and parents were invited to participate in the search for this vital leadership position in EGPS.

Twenty candidates applied for the position, with six selected for Round 1. One candidate withdrew their application before they were interviewed in the first round. From there, the Search Committee selected three for Round 2. One candidate also withdrew their application before they were interviewed in that round. The Committee recommended two finalists to Dr. Ricca.

Ms. Courtemanche observed, “Mrs. Tedeschi’s extensive work with exceptional needs students provides an excellent foundation for her journey with us as an educational leader in service to our students and families at Eldredge Elementary School.”

Round 1 Search Committee members included one parent, one school committee member, two representatives from the teachers’ union, the Director of Student Support Services, the Assistant Superintendent, and the Coordinator of Human Resources.

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Round 2 members were two representatives from the teachers' union, one parent, one school committee member, three principals, the Director of Student Support Services, the Assistant Superintendent, and the Coordinator of Human Resources.

Ms. Courtemanche, Mr. Marcaccio, and Ms. Moody joined Dr. Ricca for the final interviews.

Dr. Eugene Quinn, a School Committee member on the Search Committee, noted, "We are excited about many facets of Mrs. Tedeschi's educational profile, including the fact that she's a parent with children in the system and a highly respected professional who will continue the tradition of excellence her predecessors established."

Mrs. Tedeschi earned a Master's of Education in Educational Leadership and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with a concentration in Special Education. She has a variety of educational experiences that include urban ring and suburban settings at the classroom and teacher-leader levels in both North Carolina and Rhode Island. Beyond teaching, Mrs. Tedeschi's work has included program development, systems improvement, and mental health advocacy. She prioritizes creating a safe and inclusive environment where all students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Outside of the school day, Mrs. Tedeschi loves spending time with family and friends. She is a voracious reader and beach enthusiast. She has developed a green thumb and collects houseplants of all kinds. Mrs. Tedeschi is passionate about giving to the community and treating everyone with kindness and compassion. As a graduate of East Greenwich High School, she is thrilled to be able to join Eldredge Elementary School while embracing the district's mission of All Means All.

Mrs. Tedeschi resides in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, with her husband, Frank, and their two children.

In reflecting on this newest member of the Leadership Team, Dr. Ricca pointed out, "One of the priorities of our Strategic Plan is to 'Expand leadership development and succession planning to enhance skill set of current EGPS leaders and to identify the next generation of talent.' Mrs. Tedeschi has established herself as someone in East Greenwich who works tirelessly to meet the needs of all students. I look forward to her continuing to do that in her leadership role at Eldredge."

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