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Dr. Susan Mochen Joins Ashe County Board of Education as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources



Ashe County Schools is pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Susan Mochen as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. She will assume her new role at Central Services Support district office on June 3, 2024, following the departure of Director of Human Resources/Public Information Officer Roy Putman.

Dr. Mochen began her career in education over 25 years ago as a middle school teacher for exceptional children in Florida. She earned her master's in educational leadership and later her doctorate in instructional leadership. Before joining Ashe County Schools at the start of the 2021-2022 academic year, Dr. Mochen accumulated invaluable experience across elementary, middle, and high school levels — knowledge she brought to her role of Ashe County Middle School Principal. She recently graduated from NCPAPA's Distinguished Leadership in Practice program, which has given her tools and resources to mentor teachers and fellow administrators.

During her three years at ACMS, Dr. Mochen focused on helping students reach their fullest potential academically, socially and emotionally, as well as providing them with as many learning opportunities as possible. She also shared a growth mindset vision with the school's teachers and support staff. "It has been my honor to guide the amazing ACMS teachers as they lead children toward their personal best," she said.

Dr. Mochen's extensive experience and wide-ranging perspective will be invaluable as she transitions into her role of serving the entire Ashe County School district. "I am excited to work with the leadership team at the central office and support Dr. Cox as her Assistant Superintendent," she said. "I want to continue to support ACS's strategic plan and work with our schools to ensure the best hires and retain the best staff in North Carolina."

Superintendent Dr. Eisa Cox stated, "Dr. Mochen has been an exemplary leader of Ashe County Middle School, exhibiting strong communication and problem-solving skills. I am confident that she will approach her new role with empathy and integrity and with a student-focused lens to continue our positive work environment and help our district to grow."

In her spare time, Dr. Mochen enjoys spending time with her family including her parents Ron and Linda Johnson, her husband Steve, and her son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Alli, as well as her pets. She loves to cook, garden, kayak, quilt, and hike.

Please join the Board of Education and Ashe County Schools in welcoming Dr. Mochen to her new position.

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