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PRESS RELEASE

Bethlehem Area School District Announces Jennifer Cierech as Next Principal of Calypso Elementary School

Bethlehem, PA, May 14, 2026 — The Bethlehem Area School District is pleased to announce, pending school board approval, the appointment of **Ms. Jennifer Cierech** as the next principal of Calypso Elementary School.

Ms. Cierech is a longtime Bethlehem Area School District educator with more than 20 years of experience serving students and families across the district. She has built her career in BASD schools, beginning as a Spanish teacher and steadily advancing into school leadership roles through a commitment to instructional excellence and community engagement.

Throughout her career, Ms. Cierech has served in a variety of roles including Spanish teacher at both the elementary and secondary levels, Spanish K–5 Program Lead, and currently as Assistant Principal at Broughal Middle School. She recently served as Interim Principal at Calypso Elementary School, where she helped foster a school climate focused on student success and strong relationships with students, staff, and families.

“I am honored to serve the Calypso Elementary community in this new role,” said Ms. Cierech. “Having grown within BASD as both a teacher and leader, I am strongly committed to supporting students, empowering staff, and building strong partnerships with families and the community to ensure every child thrives.”

“Jennifer Cierech exemplifies the best of Bethlehem Area School District; she is a homegrown leader whose career has flourished here, starting as a classroom teacher and rising through the administrative ranks through dedication, expertise, and an unwavering commitment to students,” said Dr. Jack P. Silva, Bethlehem Area School District Superintendent. “Her recent leadership at Calypso Elementary made a meaningful impact, and we are confident she will continue to build a positive, high-achieving school community as principal.”

Ms. Cierech holds a Master’s in Educational Leadership and a Master’s in Curriculum and Instruction from Moravian University, as well as a Bachelor’s degree in Education (Spanish K–12) from Shippensburg University. She also holds certifications in Student Assistance Program (SAP) and Restorative Practices.

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About the Bethlehem Area School District

The Bethlehem Area School District is the 6th largest school district in Pennsylvania serving over 12,240 culturally and economically diverse students in 22 community-based schools. The district serves five municipalities: City of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township, Hanover Township, Freemansburg, and Fountain



Hill. The district enjoys numerous community partnerships with universities, businesses, and arts providers that extend the schools' rich curricular and co-curricular offerings.