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Tewksbury Township Board of Education Names New Superintendent

October 6, 2026 - The Tewksbury Township Board of Education announced that it has selected Dr. Laura J. Scamardella as the district's new superintendent.

Dr. Scamardella brings extensive experience in public education, most recently serving as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment in the Englewood Public School District, a pre-K through Grade 12 district. She succeeds Interim Superintendent Mr. Pedro Garrido, effective October 1, 2026.

"We are extremely pleased with the selection of Dr. Scamardella as the new chief school administrator for Tewksbury Township Public Schools," said Dr. Simon, board president.

"We had a number of excellent candidates, but in the end Dr. Scamardella inspired the board with her level of commitment to student achievement," said Dr. Simon. "In addition, it was evident that she wanted to become immersed in our community."

Dr. Scamardella's term began October 1, 2026. Her contract runs until June 30, 2030.

A four-time Seton Hall University alumna, Dr. Scamardella has held educational leadership roles in Englewood and Linden. Her experience includes curriculum development, assessment, professional learning, special services oversight, and technology integration. Her leadership emphasizes instructional excellence, collaboration, and meeting students' academic and social-emotional needs.

Under Dr. Scamardella's leadership, her schools earned National Blue Ribbon and National ESEA Distinguished School recognition, as well as Blue Ribbon Beacon honors. Her district leadership also contributed to Apple Distinguished School District recognition. She brings a commitment to strengthening curriculum alignment, supporting staff, and building meaningful partnerships with families and the community.

Dr. Scamardella was selected after an exhaustive search process that began in April 2026 with the assistance of the New Jersey School Boards Association.

"Selecting a superintendent is arguably the most important decision a school board will make," said Dr. Simon. "The superintendent not only operates the district on a day-to-day basis, but is also charged with meeting the district's long-term goals and objectives."

Tewksbury Township School District is a high-performing pre-K through Grade 8 district serving 477 students at Tewksbury Elementary School and Old Turnpike School, both federally recognized National Blue Ribbon Schools. The district is committed to academic excellence and preparing students to be confident, productive members of a changing society.