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School District of Oakfield Announces Selection of Next District Administrator

Oshkosh Area School District Principal Sarah Poquette to lead the District beginning July 1

OAKFIELD, WIS. – The School District of Oakfield has selected Dr. Sarah Poquette as the District Administrator, effective July 1, 2024. Pending board approval on Monday, March 11, Poquette will succeed Tracey Conners, who will retire on June 30 after leading the District for three years.

Board President Paul Dercks said that Poquette will continue moving the district forward.

"In a group of three excellent candidates, Sarah's experience, knowledge, and personality stood out as an excellent fit within the School District of Oakfield," said Dercks. "We are really looking forward to having her on board and to all that's ahead for our District with her at the helm."

Poquette comes to Oakfield from the Oshkosh Area School District, where she has served as principal of Perry Tipler Middle School and ALPs Charter school since 2019. Additionally, Poquette has served the Oshkosh Area School District in several other capacities since 2001, including principal at Merrill Elementary School; math intervention, gifted and talented and professional development teacher at Merrill and Oaklawn Elementary Schools; Lighted School House project director and 5th grade teacher at Webster Stanley Elementary School; and district-wide peer coach. She has also held several committee and leadership positions within the District, including her service as the co-chair for EPCOT (Emergency Preparedness Collaborative Operations Team) since 2016 and principal mentor since 2010.

Poquette holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh, a master's degree in educational leadership from Marian College, and a doctorate in educational leadership and policy from the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh.

"I am really excited to start working alongside and building relationships with the School District of Oakfield staff, Board of Education, and community," said Poquette. "Together, we will continue building and growing, with an emphasis on advocating for students and creating additional opportunities for their success. It is an honor to have been selected and I look forward to serving the District."

Poquette's position as District Administrator will officially begin July 1, 2024.

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About the School District of Oakfield:

The School District of Oakfield serves more than 500 students in grades PreK-12. The "Mighty Oaks" community is dedicated to planting seeds of knowledge, nurturing the whole child, achieving academic excellence, and enhancing educational opportunities while remaining firmly rooted in strong community partnerships. A rigorous curriculum, newly-renovated learning environments, and a broad range of curricular and co-curricular opportunities all aim to empower students to flourish and reach their full potential. Two school buildings, Oakfield Elementary School, serving students in grades 4K-5, and Oakfield Middle/High School, serving students in grades 6-12, serve as home to our students, as well as a community childcare center and the community's food pantry.

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