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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL EFFECTIVE AUGUST 14, 2023

The Farmington Board of Education and Superintendent Greider are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Kate Dougherty-McGhee to the position of Assistant Principal at Farmington High School (FHS) commencing August 14, 2023.

Dr. Kate Dougherty-McGhee comes to the Farmington Public Schools with impressive experience and expertise in curriculum, instruction, assessment, instructional coaching and operations within the Hartford Public Schools as well as CREC. She has led and implemented project-based and experiential learning at the secondary level as well as curriculum development to support meaningful and authentic learning experiences for all learners. She is deeply committed to all elements of Farmington's Vision of the Global Citizen within an inclusive and supportive school community. As an accomplished school-based instructional leader, Dr.

Dougherty-McGhee will bring a great deal of knowledge and experience to her new leadership position in Farmington.

Board Chair Liz Fitzsimmons stated, “On behalf of the Board of Education, we welcome Dr. Kate Dougherty-McGhee to the Farmington school district as the new Assistant Principal at FHS. In her previous leadership roles, she provided thoughtful and caring leadership with a focus on excellence in curriculum development and instructional delivery. Throughout the interview process, Dr. Dougherty-McGhee spoke about the importance of true belonging for all students, faculty and staff through inclusive and caring school and classroom environments. We are thrilled to have Kate join the Farmington school district.”

Superintendent Greider stated, “Dr. Kate Dougherty-McGhee will join an accomplished and caring team of administrators, faculty and staff at FHS. Dr. Dougherty-McGhee’s expertise and experience will create a smooth transition of leadership in the areas of curriculum, instruction, and operations with an overarching focus on Farmington’s Vision of the Global Citizen, Core Beliefs and instructional model, the Framework for Teaching and Learning. Her caring approach, ability to create strong and lasting relationships with all members of the school community and expert instructional leadership will enhance and advance the innovative strategic improvement work occurring at FHS. We enthusiastically welcome Kate to FHS and the Farmington school district.”

Principal of FHS, Russ Crist stated, “We feel very fortunate to add Dr. Kate Dougherty-McGhee as a member of our administrative team at Farmington High School. Her experience as a building leader, along with her extensive background in curriculum and instruction, will only enhance the mission and vision of the district and our school. Most importantly, Dr. Dougherty-McGhee prioritizes relationships and will immediately connect with and support the students, families, faculty and staff in our community.”

Dr. Kate Dougherty-McGhee expressed enthusiasm about her appointment to the position of Assistant Principal of FHS by stating, "I am humbled to be joining the nationally recognized Farmington Public Schools, and thankful for the support of the Board of Education, Superintendent Greider, Principal Crist, and the entire community. I have been impressed by the thoughtfulness and engagement of all the stakeholders involved in the interview process, and I am excited to begin working with parents, students, staff, and leaders to improve outcomes and opportunities for all our Farmington students."

Brief Bio:

Kate Dougherty-McGhee earned her Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Hartford in 2001 in English and Secondary Education. She has a Master’s Degree in Educational Technology and her 092 administrative certification. She also earned her doctoral degree from the University of Hartford in 2014 with a focus on student-centered instruction and early career teacher development. Dr. Dougherty has served as an instructional coach developing equity-centered classrooms and project-based learning at the Pathways Magnet High School in Hartford. Since 2013, she has been an Assistant Principal at Kinsella Magnet School and for the last seven years at CREC’s Greater Hartford Academy for the Arts.