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## **The Farmington Public Schools Announce the Appointment of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Human Resources Effective January 1, 2025**



The Farmington Board of Education and Superintendent Greider announce the appointment of current Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Veronica Ruzek, to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Human Resources for the Farmington Public Schools, effective January 1, 2025. Veronica Ruzek will replace Kimberly Wynne, current Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Human Resources who will retire on December 31, 2024 after 40 years of exceptional service to the Farmington Public Schools. We extend our deepest appreciation to Kim Wynne for all of her contributions to our school district. Kim Wynne and Veronica Ruzek will work closely together over the coming months to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

Ms. Veronica Ruzek has served as Farmington's Director of Curriculum and Instruction since 2012. She has also served other leadership roles within the Farmington Public Schools as a former Assistant Principal and Dean of Students at Farmington High School (FHS). As a graduate of the Farmington Public Schools and a long-time leader within the school district, her dedication to the children, families, faculty and staff of Farmington is unwavering. Ms. Ruzek is a truly gifted and exemplary educator and instructional leader who has contributed to the success of the Farmington schools in many ways. As a life-long learner and avid researcher, she has led efforts in the areas of innovative programming, researched-based learner-centered curriculum and instruction, mastery-based learning and forward-thinking professional development. Her commitment to student and educator learning, voice and agency promotes all of our core beliefs and more specifically elevates the core beliefs Teamwork and Actions Matter. Through her teamwork with others and actions, she models and promotes excellence in teaching and learning with an emphasis on creating nurturing learning environments and highly engaging deeper learning academic tasks that promote students as self-aware individuals, empowered learners, disciplined thinkers, engaged collaborators, and civic-minded contributors.

Superintendent Greider shared, *“Veronica truly loves working with the students, families, faculty and staff within the Farmington schools. Her work ethic and commitment to innovation have contributed to our school district's reputation in Connecticut and beyond as a leading and innovative learning organization. Her expertise and collaborative approach in the areas of data analysis, strategic improvement, deeper learning and project and play-based learning continues to push our improvement work forward in new and novel ways. Veronica's ability to effectively collaborate with others and lead highly engaging professional learning enhances our exemplary instructional practices PreK-12 as well as curriculum and academic programming for all students. I am so proud and pleased to watch Veronica's influence and leadership expand in her new leadership role.”*

Board Chair Bill Beckert shared, *“Over my sixteen years on the Board of Education, I have seen Veronica grow from a classroom teacher and school-based administrator at the high school to a statewide leader in curriculum development. She has an unmatched passion for Farmington Schools, as a student, a salutatorian at FHS, a teacher, school-based administrator and district leader. I am confident Farmington will most assuredly continue to lead the way in innovative curriculum, instruction, human resources practices and professional development with Veronica as our next Assistant Superintendent. On behalf of the Board of Education, we thank Veronica for all of her contributions over the last 20 years and we look forward to collaborating with her to continue our tradition of excellence and innovation in education.”*

Veronica Ruzek stated, *“It is an honor to work in this community alongside the very best educators, students, and families. Over many years, we have worked together to build on our*

*strong tradition of excellence and shape the kinds of learning experiences our students will need to be successful now and into their future. I am excited to continue to serve Farmington in this new role and will continue to work hard to make sure all of our children feel competent, confident, and inspired to take on new challenges and, ultimately, chart a meaningful course for their lives. As a Farmington graduate myself, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to carry on the tradition of excellence in our public schools.”*

**Brief Bio:**

Veronica Ruzek has served the Farmington Public Schools for approximately twenty years in various roles including teacher and Dean of Students at the high school, FHS Assistant Principal, and, currently, as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Prior to being a teacher and school-based administrator in Farmington, Veronica was a Social Studies teacher in Newington, Connecticut. Ms. Ruzek holds a Master’s Degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, a Master’s Degree from the University of Virginia’s Curry School of Education, and a Bachelor’s Degree in History from the University of Virginia. Additionally, Veronica is a graduate of Farmington High School.