



Office Of The School Committee

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Last night the seven member Arlington School Committee voted to select Dr. Elizabeth Homan as the next Superintendent of Arlington Public Schools.

Dr. Homan is currently in her third year as Assistant Superintendent in Waltham. Among her primary achievements is the work to align curriculum and establish professional development to narrow the achievement gap through collaboration and improve outcomes for all students. She is actively involved in leading the district efforts to address COVID and to incorporate student wellness and academic progress during this challenging time. Over the last ten days she demonstrated self-awareness during multiple rounds of meetings with stakeholders in Arlington. Her humility around and obvious pride in accomplishments that were achieved when she was leading a team came up repeatedly. Her facility with discussing issues around diversity, equity and inclusion as well as her work with curriculum development and implementation will be significant assets and will contribute to making progress on our district goals. Her collaborative data-driven leadership style was mentioned repeatedly by people familiar with her work. I believe that she will be able to communicate a vision for Arlington that is developed to leverage the considerable talents of our existing administration, faculty and staff and move us forward.

Dr. Kathleen Bodie plans to retire at the end of this school year. This district has benefited tremendously from stability in leadership over the last thirteen years with her at the head and I am looking forward to being able to fully and collectively express our gratitude to her for her work and stewardship over the coming months. I am confident that she will approach a transition in leadership with her characteristic commitment to collaboration and loyalty that has served us well in Arlington for over a decade.

The School Committee has been most grateful for the engagement of our community during the process of searching for a new Superintendent. Thank you for your feedback, participation and support.

Sincerely,

Jane Morgan
Chair, Arlington School Committee