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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Lion Families,

Last evening, the Lindenwold Board of Education appointed Dr. Alba Lugo to lead the Lindenwold Middle School as our new LMS School Principal. Dr. Lugo was selected following a rigorous interview process from a very qualified pool of administrative candidates. The District established an expansive interview committee for this process which welcomed LMS voices from a variety of specialties: certified staff, administrative assistants, District and LMS administrative leadership as well as two BOE representatives who “observed” the process.

Candidates not only met with the LMS Interview Committee for the traditional Q & A process, they also engaged in a task-oriented performance interview round. While the ultimate decision is always the responsibility of the Superintendent, the involvement, guidance, and dedication of this extremely professional committee was much respected and extremely valued.

Dr. Lugo has spent the last 33 years in the educational field. Her career has spanned across both higher education as well as public education. For approximately the first 14 years of her career, Dr. Lugo served in higher education as an Assistant Director of the Minority Engineering Program, a Director for Diversity in Management Education Services, an Academic Counselor and an Assistant Director of Graduate Programs. Her Higher Ed. career included employment with the University of Massachusetts - Amherst, Mercer County Community College (Trenton, NJ), and Princeton University (Woodrow Wilson Public & International Affairs School). She then transitioned to public education and taught Spanish to students in grades six through twelve for approximately 11 years. Most recently, Dr. Lugo has served as an administrator with the New Brunswick Public School District at both the A.C. Redshaw Elementary School and the New Brunswick High School since 2014.

I would also like to thank Mr. Anthony Benjamin for assisting the middle school during this interim period. He graciously stepped in and assisted our school in a time of need while we continued our Principal search to replace former LMS Principal, Mr. Ted Pugliese. Mr. Pugliese served as LMS Principal from August 2017 - August 2022. Please join me in thanking Mr. Benjamin for his hard work and dedication.

On behalf of the District, I welcome Dr. Lugo and share our excitement to as she begins her new journey as a Lindenwold Lion. I also sincerely wish Mr. Benjamin the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kristin P. O'Neil
Lindenwold School District Superintendent

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