

**Dear District 57 Parents and Guardians,**

I am pleased to announce that the School Board has named Dr. Mary Gorr as District 57's next superintendent. She will replace Dr. Elaine Aumiller when she retires on July 1, after serving as our superintendent for 12 years. Dr. Gorr has been an asset to the District over the past decade, both in her current role as assistant superintendent for teaching and learning and as Westbrook principal before that. My fellow Board members and I are confident that she is a great fit for this important responsibility.

The Board worked with an educational search firm on a search that attracted many qualified applicants. I thank the staff members and parents/guardians who provided input. From the start, Dr. Gorr stood out as an exceptional candidate. She is a hard worker, she is liked by the community, and she's an innovative, responsive educational leader who is well-suited to lead through the many challenges a school district can face, including planning for the hurdles that the pandemic presents. Dr. Gorr is also loved by many current and former District 57 students and is committed to supporting all children and providing the best possible outcome for them.

Dr. Gorr obtained her doctorate in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership from the University of Illinois, where she also earned a master's in Curriculum and Instruction. In addition, she is certified as a Chief School Business Officer (CSBO). She got her start as a classroom teacher in Glenview District 34. She has been an adjunct professor at Judson University, teaching multicultural education and literacy courses to graduate students.

Dr. Gorr joined District 57 in 2011 as Westbrook principal, where she implemented initiatives such as a robust system of academic and social-emotional support for students. In 2015, she was recognized by the Illinois Parent Teacher Association as Outstanding Principal of the Year for all of Illinois. She was promoted to District 57's central office administrative team in 2019, where she has managed the development and implementation of all educational programs for students and professional development for staff. Over the past year, she has been a leader in planning learning models in response to COVID-19 and has worked with District administrators, staff and families to ensure needs are met during this difficult time.

The Board is thankful to Dr. Aumiller for her steady leadership through the years and her many accomplishments as superintendent. We believe Dr. Gorr's leadership skills and background – from the classroom to the administrative team – have prepared her for the challenge of leading District 57, and we expect a smooth transition this summer.

Please join me in congratulating District 57's next superintendent, Dr. Mary Gorr!

**Eileen Kowalczyk**  
**School Board President**