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HOLMDEL SCHOOLS INTRODUCES TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING SUPERVISOR

HOLMDEL (September 26, 2016) – As a result of a comprehensive assessment of the district's approach to STEM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) over the past two years, Dr. Robert McGarry recently announced that long-time Holmdel teacher and Technology Coach, Caren MacConnell will assume a new role this year as the district's first Supervisor of Technology, Engineering and Media Centers.

"I am really honored to have the opportunity to work with our teachers and students in the critical areas of Technology, Engineering, and Library Media disciplines in this new capacity," Mrs. MacConnell said of her appointment.

In 2014, MacConnell, a Holmdel High School graduate herself, was one of fifty innovative educators from around the world selected to attend the Google Teacher Academy in California. She is a Google Certified Teacher, Google Certified Innovator and an active member of an international network of Google alumni.

"Caren's extensive experience with Google, her ongoing professional communication with peers throughout the state, country, and internationally, and her life-long love of helping our students use and understand technology make her the perfect individual to lead the district's implementation of key programs and enhanced 21st Century learning opportunities," said Superintendent McGarry.

Among MacConnell's responsibilities is overseeing the implementation of a new course in Engineering already in place for this year at Holmdel High School as well as planning for further development of courses of study and engineering learning opportunities across the K-12 curriculum. MacConnell will also provide leadership in the integration of technology in all grades and content areas. "My goal is to help our teachers and students find new ways to use technology to think critically, create collaboratively, and communicate creatively. I want to help build experiences that will allow our students to be future ready in whatever they may want to do," MacConnell said.