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MRS. DINEEN SEELEY APPOINTED TO NEWLY FOCUSED CURRICULUM LEADERSHIP ROLE IN HOLMDEL

HOLMDEL (April 3, 2017) – At its March 29th meeting, the Holmdel Board of Education unanimously approved Mrs. Dineen Seeley to serve as the district’s Director of Curriculum and Instruction beginning this July.

The new director position that Mrs. Seeley will fill came about due to Superintendent Robert McGarry’s recommendation to the board early in his first year to invest funds allocated for academic leadership in the district in a more focused manner. In doing so he recommended eliminating the position of Assistant Superintendent, the job he previously held in the district. McGarry believes that by eliminating the Assistant Superintendent position and focusing this new job explicitly on curriculum and instruction and the leadership of the recently expanded team of content experts, the district will be better poised to accommodate the rapid changes in content and teaching strategies that are emerging in this second decade of the 21st century.

“Mrs. Seeley will be a great addition to the district’s leadership team,” said Dr. McGarry. Seeley, who expects to earn her doctoral degree from St. Peters University this spring, is currently Superintendent/Principal of the Sea Girt School District. Under her leadership, Sea Girt was recently recognized by the county freeholders as one of the top performing schools in the state in terms of PARCC outcomes – tied for first place in grades 3-5 and second overall in the middle school grades. During her years in Sea Girt, Mrs. Seeley is credited with developing STEM classes for students in grades 1-5 and implementing research-based practices in the identification and curricula for both gifted and talented students and students in need of supplemental supports.

“Throughout the search process, those I spoke to who were familiar with Mrs. Seeley’s work in Sea Girt as well as in Cranford pointed to the passion she has for curriculum and instruction as one of her greatest strengths,” said Dr. McGarry, “Her insight, expertise and long-term commitment to personalized student learning will be a true asset to our staff and students,” he added.

As Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Seeley will collaborate with principals and lead a strong district “C&I team” made up of assistant principals who in addition to their building-based roles, also oversee the World Languages and Arts departments, and five content-focused administrators, including Supervisor of Humanities, Supervisor of Math and Science, Supervisor of Gifted and Talented and Supplemental Programs, Supervisor of Athletics, Health, Physical Education and the newest addition to the team, the Supervisor of Technology, Engineering and Media Centers.