



## HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**(Holmdel October 4, 2021)** – The Holmdel Township School Board voted Wednesday night to approve the appointment of Ms. Alicia Farese as Principal of Indian Hill Elementary School. She assumes her new responsibility on October 1st. e

Farese, who served as Supervisor of Humanities in Holmdel, brings extensive administrative and classroom experience to the position. She worked briefly in publishing before realizing that her true passion was working with students. She began as Head PreK teacher and Assistant Director at the Goddard School in Hazlet. After some years Ms. Farese became an English teacher, Dean of Discipline, and Interim Principal in the Sayerville School District. Prior to becoming a supervisor in Holmdel, Ms. Farese was Assistant Principal in the Plumsted New Egypt School District where, in addition to her other responsibilities, she was the district HIB coordinator. Ms. Farese earned a B.A. from NYU. She has earned two Master's Degrees: Education and Educational Leadership.

“Since joining the district, Ms. Farese has distinguished herself by demonstrating highly effective leadership and professionalism. Ms. Farese’s leadership skills were particularly impressive given the challenges presented by the Coronavirus pandemic over the last year,” said School Board President Vicky Flynn following the board vote.

Interim Superintendent Lee Seitz reviewed resumes of dozens of interested candidates for this position but was continually drawn back to Ms. Farese’s integrity, intelligence, and energy, and her established reputation as a leader within the Holmdel school community who knows and is respected by our students, staff, and community.

“I’ve hired dozens of principals over the years, and I am confident that Ms. Farese is prepared to take the next step in her career,” said Dr. Seitz. “Her strong grasp of educational issues, her experience working in Holmdel, and her willingness to make tough decisions made her the right candidate to lead Indian Hill Elementary School.”

“I’m excited to have this opportunity to give back to the Holmdel School community in a meaningful way, as principal of Indian Hill. I thank the Board for their faith and confidence in my ability to lead this school, especially during this critical time as we emerge from this pandemic. I look forward to getting to work immediately to address the needs of our students and the Indian Hill staff,” said Ms. Farese. The district has begun a search for a new Supervisor of Humanities.