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Announcement of Appointment

Paige Elementary School Welcomes Melissa Howe as Assistant Principal

The Schenectady City School District is delighted to announce the appointment of Melissa Howe as the new assistant principal of Paige Elementary School. Following approval by the Board of Education on June 24, she will officially begin her new role on June 29.



Howe brings more than a decade of extensive elementary education experience with a deep focus on supporting multilingual learners, students with disabilities, literacy initiatives, and collaborative school improvement efforts. She is fluent in Spanish and has dedicated her career to building inclusive school communities and advocating for students and their families.

Most recently, Howe served as the K-5 ENL Teacher Leader in the Guilderland Central School District, where she facilitated professional learning for PreK through 12th grade staff and administrators, led curriculum discussions, and advocated for multilingual learners and ENL staff. Her leadership experience also includes serving for two years as the ESY ENL Summer School Principal for Guilderland. In that role, she successfully managed all aspects of the program, including hiring staff, organizing transportation, planning field trips, and collaborating closely with families to ensure student success. Howe's outstanding contributions to education were formally recognized when she received the Guilderland Central School District Employee Recognition Award in 2025.

Beyond her classroom and administrative leadership, Howe is deeply committed to fostering a supportive and equitable environment for educators and families alike. She has actively participated in diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, led the mentoring program at Westmere Elementary School, and supported her peers as a GTA union representative. She also brought school communities together by planning the Guilderland ENL Extravaganza party for English language learner families.

Howe holds multiple professional certifications, including School Building Leader, School District Leader, TESOL K-12, and Spanish for grades 1 through 6 and 7 through 12. Her wealth of experience and passion for inclusive education make her an exceptional addition to the Paige Elementary School leadership team.

Please join us in offering Melissa Howe a warm welcome to the Paige community.