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Announcement of Appointment

Clarisse C. Kaufman is Appointed Principal of Lincoln Elementary School

The Schenectady City School District is pleased to announce the official appointment of Clarisse C. Kaufman as the permanent Principal of Lincoln Elementary School, following approval by the Board of Education at its meeting on June 24. Kaufman, who has served as the school's Interim Principal since January 2026, brings leadership experience, a deep commitment to equity, and an unwavering dedication to the Lincoln community.



Kaufman's tenure at Lincoln Elementary began in August 2023 when she joined the administrative team as Assistant Principal. In January 2026, she stepped into the role of Interim Principal, providing steady leadership and continuity for students, staff, and families. Prior to her leadership roles at Lincoln, she spent six years (from August 2017 to August 2023) as an Academic Intervention Services Teacher at MLK Elementary within the district, establishing herself as an expert in data-driven instruction and culturally responsive teaching practices.

An alumna of the State University of New York at New Paltz and SUNY Albany, Kaufman holds advanced leadership credentials from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and the Harvard University Graduate School of Education's National Institute for Urban School Leaders. She holds both School Building Leader (SBL) and School District Leader (SDL) certifications.

Please join the Schenectady City School District in congratulating Kaufman on her official appointment.