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## **School District of Horicon Selects New Superintendent**

*Current Director of Special Education and Student Learning  
Katie Schwartz to lead the District beginning July 1*

HORICON, Wis. – The School District of Horicon has selected Mrs. Katie Schwartz as the unanimous choice for the District’s next superintendent of schools. Schwartz will succeed Rich Appel upon his retirement after nine years serving the District.

Board President Meredith Strieff said that Schwartz will help the district continue its journey toward excellence.

“Through our exhaustive process, it was evident immediately that the most highly qualified candidate to run our district was Mrs. Schwartz, said Strieff. “She lives here, works here, understands Horicon, and is going to move our children forward for a better Horicon.”

Schwartz is currently the District’s director of special education and student learning. She has worked in public education for over 20 years and has served in her current role in Horicon for seven years.

“I am excited to move into the superintendency,” stated Schwartz. “Being the superintendent of schools in the city I grew up in allows me to support our future, build off of our success, and increase our ability to be Horicon Strong.”

Schwartz’s position as Superintendent will officially begin July 1, 2025. The District is grateful to current Superintendent Rich Appel for the countless ways he has helped the district improve, as well as his mentoring Mrs. Schwartz and positioning her for a seamless transition into her new role while maintaining the District’s positive trajectory.

The Board of Education would like to extend its gratitude to those members of the community who participated in the expectations and qualifications survey during the search process. This information was and will be used in the on-boarding process.

The superintendent search was facilitated through CESA 6. “We were pleased with the process and the opportunity to review the candidates and applicants,” said Strieff. “Mrs. Schwartz shined in the process, and we look forward to her success.”

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#### **About the School District of Horicon**

The School District of Horicon is nestled in the heart of the internationally known Horicon Marsh and is home to approximately 825 students. In August 2020, the elementary school was completed, offering district services on one PK-12 campus. The District’s SWORD Field Athletic Complex was completed in the summer of 2022 allowing for top-notch facilities throughout our campus. The District has a long-standing tradition of offering exceptional programs to support all our students and are proud to serve the Horicon community. Go Marshmen!

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