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Announcing the New Senior Director of Academic Programs, Dana Nerenberg

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Dear Colleagues,

For the past year Dana has served as the Director of Learning Acceleration, playing a key leadership role in our transition back to in-person learning. In this role, she launched Summer Acceleration Academy, expanded and aligned summer programming across our system, served as a design team member for the development of the instructional framework, and led our successful High Dosage Tutoring pilot. Prior to serving in this role, Dana served as principal of Sitton Elementary, from 2014 until 2021.

During her time as principal, Dana established a Dual Language Immersion program and expanded the school's inclusion model for students receiving special education services to align with state standards. Through coaching in student response and aligned classroom practices, Dana empowered her team to reduce office discipline referrals by 30 percent, and when the school pivoted to online instruction, Sitton – a historically underserved community and Title I school – maintained high levels of engagement and learning. Prior to leading Sitton Elementary, Dana served as principal of Hyde-Addison Elementary School in Washington, DC from 2006 to 2014.

Dana, who started her career as a 2nd grade teacher and taught for nearly a decade, has served on multiple education boards, which currently includes EdReports.org. In 2016-17, she was one of three principals nationally to serve as a School Ambassador Fellow with the U.S. Department of Education. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and Public Policy Studies, with an emphasis on Education Policy, from Duke University; a Masters in School Administration and Supervision from Johns Hopkins University; an Executive Masters in Leadership from Georgetown University; an Advanced Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Maryland; and a P3 Certificate from the University of Colorado. She recently completed the Catalyst Cambiar Fellowship, a selective national fellowship for school system leaders in order to cultivate key executive leadership skills in service of expanding students' educational outcomes.

Please join me in congratulating Sr. Director of Academic Programs, Dana Nerenberg.

Dr. Cheryl Proctor,
Deputy Superintendent, Instruction and School Communities



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