



Greenwood Lake Union Free School District

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Board of Education
Susan Selser, President

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The Greenwood Lake Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Sarah Hadden as its next Superintendent of Schools, effective July 2019. Our current Superintendent, Dr. Steven Cohen, has served two years in the District and plans to retire in June. Under Dr. Cohen's leadership, Greenwood Lake UFSD has made great strides in school security and student enrichment opportunities, including Explorations, the expansion of extracurricular clubs, and Summer Academy.

In an effort to ensure continuity as well as maintain the current direction of the District, the Board of Education reached out to Assistant Superintendent Hadden regarding her interest in the position. Tonight the Board of Education approved a contract with Ms. Hadden that will take effect July 2019.

Ms. Susan Selser, Board of Education President, says, "By making this decision now, we are confident the transition will be as seamless as possible for our students, staff, and community. Over the past six years, Ms. Hadden has proven herself to be an effective communicator, a supporter of teachers, and an advocate for all our students. As a Board, we believe she is the ideal person for taking on this role in our District."

Sarah began her career in education as an elementary school teacher in Horry County Schools in South Carolina, later becoming a school leader for curriculum and instruction in the same district.

When Ms. Hadden began working for Greenwood Lake UFSD in 2012, she was hired as a Curriculum Specialist, a position created with the intent to help with the transition to data driven instruction and implementing the Common Core. She played a key role in the rollout of the 1:1 ChromeBook initiative, oversaw the implementation of Reading & Writing Workshop and Singapore Math. She supported teachers in using MAP test data to drive instructional decisions, and has worked closely with the teachers of GWL to create curriculum maps and vertically align skills across grade levels. Over the course of her time at Greenwood Lake, she was promoted to Director of Curriculum & Technology and later to Assistant Superintendent. During the Spring of 2018, Sarah also successfully served as Acting Elementary School Principal.

Ms. Hadden holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Elementary Education from Wells College in Aurora, New York. She earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Grand Canyon University, as well a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from SUNY New Paltz. Further, she has completed more than 18 hours of graduate study in Reading and Literacy.



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Ms. Hadden stated, “I am extremely honored and excited to have been asked to step forward into the position of Superintendent. Greenwood Lake is an incredibly special community and I truly love coming to work each day with the faculty and staff of this District. The students here always have a smile on their face and I have built relationships with many students and their families that I know will last for years to come. I believe in my heart that as a District, we have developed the very best K-8 program in the county. Prioritizing a student-centered approach, through a Spanish language program, Project Lead the Way STEM curriculum, and the Explorations initiative, has placed our district ahead of the educational curve in our region. I look forward to being a part of this outstanding District for many years to come.”