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District 64 promotes Carpenter School Principal Lynne Farmer to new District post

Carpenter School Principal Lynne Farmer has been promoted to a new position as District 64 Director of Early Intervening Services/Response to Intervention (EIS/RtI) effective July 1, as approved by the Board of Education at its April 28 meeting. Mrs. Farmer will hold the temporary post through its three-year term until her retirement from District 64.

"We are delighted that Mrs. Farmer has agreed to accept this new challenge and are confident her leadership will provide the bridge our District needs during a critical time period to help EIS/RtI firmly take root at all our schools," Superintendent Sally Pryor stated.

As Director, Mrs. Farmer will coach principals and teachers on strategies to implement EIS/RtI, which is a new, federally mandated program that focuses on monitoring progress data for all students to improve learning. Also in 2008-09, the District will restore five literacy teachers to work with students in grades 4-5 that had been dropped in previous budget cutbacks and will add a psychologist "to build capacity at District 64 schools to launch and sustain the program, which we believe will positively impact learning for all students," Dr. Pryor noted.

A resident of Park Ridge, Mrs. Farmer has served as Carpenter School Principal for nine years, where she was responsible for leading almost 80 staff members and more than 370 students in grades K-5 along with the District's special needs programs. "Ms. Farmer has been an exceptional principal at Carpenter. Her quiet leadership, collaborative work style, and steady commitment to helping each student achieve his or her full potential made her an ideal candidate for the new post," Dr. Pryor stated. Mrs. Farmer anticipates completing her doctoral dissertation in August from Loyola University, and also holds Master's degrees in Educational Administration and in Business Administration. Formerly a physical education and history teacher, Mrs. Farmer also worked in the sports and recreation industry before joining District 64.

To identify a replacement, Dr. Pryor said the District "will conduct a broad search to find the best candidate to carry forward the tradition of excellence and focus on children that so define Carpenter," Dr. Pryor said. The process is expected to include input from teachers and parents, with a new principal projected to be brought to the Board of Education for approval by June 30.

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