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Linda J. Chamberlin named HCPS Executive Director of Elementary Education

Veteran Harford County educator to take over senior elementary leadership position



Linda J. Chamberlin, a 37-year veteran of the Harford County Public Schools, has been named to be the new Executive Director of Elementary Education. The former Principal of Forest Lakes Elementary School was appointed by the Board of Education of Harford County at its public business meeting March 23rd to succeed Patricia L. Skebeck, who is serving as Interim Superintendent due to Dr. Jacqueline C. Haas' untimely death in December and plans to retire in July after 30 years with Harford County Public Schools.

Mrs. Chamberlin, a former fourth grade teacher at Homestead/Wakefield Elementary School, has also served as an assistant principal at Bakerfield and Youth's Benefit elementary schools, and principal at Forest Hill Elementary School, before moving to Forest Lakes Elementary School where she has been principal for 12 years. As Executive Director of Elementary Education, she will be responsible for overseeing the operation of all 32 Harford County elementary schools.

"With over 37 years invested in education in Harford County, Mrs. Chamberlin brings an incredible amount of administrative and teaching experience at the elementary level," said Mrs. Skebeck who recommended her hiring to the Board. "Her rich history in Harford County and diverse experience having served five different Harford County elementary schools will enable her to take our elementary education program to the next level."

"She will be a tremendous asset to the senior level management of Harford County Public Schools," added Mrs. Skebeck. "We are thrilled to have her join us."

Born in Baltimore and raised in Fallston, Mrs. Chamberlin attended Youth's Benefit Elementary School, Bel Air Middle School, and graduated from Bel Air High School.

Mrs. Chamberlin holds a Certificate in Administration from Loyola College which she earned in 1986. She earned her bachelor's degree from Arcadia University in 1970 in English; before receiving her master's in Education from Goucher College in 1972. She also holds 30 credits beyond her master's from Loyola in administration and supervision.

In July 2008, Mrs. Chamberlin was elected to be one of 14 Directors of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) Board. In that role, she was the charter principal of Forest Lakes Elementary School

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provides leadership to an association that represents 38,000 elementary school administrators throughout the nation. She represents a region that includes Maryland, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Mrs. Chamberlin and her husband David, who works in the budget division at Northrop Grumman, have two children, Peter and Sarah, both Fallston High School graduates. Sarah is continuing the tradition of educators and serves as a high school math teacher.

“Being a graduate of Harford County schools I am honored to be appointed Executive Director of Elementary Education in Harford County,” Mrs. Chamberlin reflected. “I am looking forward to working to continue the high level of excellence and achievement established by the 32 Elementary Principals under Pat Skebeck’s leadership. Elementary school is where it all begins and I want to be sure that every child in Harford County has the best possible start for their educational career.”

Mrs. Chamberlin also served as president of the Harford County Principals Association and president of the Maryland Association of Elementary Principals.

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