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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Roslyn School Community,

I am pleased to announce exciting news regarding new leadership at our District. After a comprehensive and thoughtful selection process, the Roslyn Board of Education appointed two outstanding individuals last night to serve as the new principals for Roslyn High School and Roslyn Middle School.

Dr. Dave Lazarus, current assistant principal at Roslyn High School, will become the new principal. Justin Gabrus, current assistant principal at Roslyn Middle School, will step into the role of middle school principal. Both will assume full responsibilities when Principal Scott Andrews and Principal Craig Johanson transition out of their roles.

Dr. Lazarus is an experienced educational leader with a strong background in school administration and instructional leadership. He holds advanced degrees from the University of Pennsylvania (Ed.D.), SUNY New Paltz, Teachers College at Columbia University, and SUNY Stony Brook. Over the course of nearly two decades in education, he has held assistant principal roles at the high school and middle school levels, developed master schedules, led hiring and evaluation processes, and spearheaded student support and community engagement initiatives. He is certified in School Building and District Leadership and has extensive experience in curriculum planning, teacher support, and student advocacy.

Mr. Justin Gabrus is an experienced and highly certified educational leader. He holds professional certifications in School Building and District Leadership, Childhood Education, and Literacy, supported by degrees from The College of Saint Rose, Touro College, and SUNY Old Westbury. In his leadership role at the middle school, he oversees grades 6 and 8, chairs the Art Department and Child Study Committee, and coordinates all state and school-wide assessments. He also plays a key role in school safety as a member of the Behavioral Threat Assessment Team and collaborates with Homeland Security on emergency preparedness. He also co-chairs the Shared Decision Making Committee and leads parent engagement efforts through the PFA.

Both candidates participated in a thorough interview process that included multiple rounds of interviews, input from staff and community members, and a careful review of their qualifications and leadership qualities. They rose to the top because of their dedication, expertise, and deep commitment to our students' success. Dr. Lazarus and Mr. Gabrus have a strong understanding of our schools' cultures and traditions, and I am excited to see how they will uphold these values while bringing their unique perspectives and ideas to enhance our learning community. I have complete confidence in their abilities to lead their respective schools with integrity, passion, and vision.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Lazarus and Mr. Gabrus on their new roles. I look forward to working closely with them to foster a nurturing, innovative environment where every student is inspired, supported, and empowered to thrive.