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UMSD Board Names Dr. Susan K. Elliott Next Superintendent

WILLOW GROVE, PA — At its meeting Tuesday evening, the Upper Moreland Township School District Board of School Directors voted to approve the appointment of Dr. Susan K. Elliott as the district's next superintendent.

Dr. Elliott possesses years of experience in educational leadership, serving in a variety of administrative and teaching roles with schools and districts throughout Pennsylvania. She is currently the substitute superintendent of the Council Rock School District, moving into the role earlier this year after serving as assistant superintendent for teaching and learning in the district. In Council Rock, she has collaborated with administrators, teachers, parents, students and community members to meet the goals of the district's strategic plan.

"After an extensive search, we are pleased to name Dr. Elliott as the next superintendent of the Upper Moreland Township School District," said Cherie Kuech, Board President. "As a board, we have been incredibly impressed with Dr. Elliott's ability to keep students at the center of the learning process as she has fostered high levels of collaboration among teachers, staff, families and community members. She will be an excellent choice as we look to the future of our high-performing school district."

Earlier in her career, Dr. Elliott was the K-12 language arts supervisor in the West Chester Area School District, where she worked with teachers to integrate curriculum, assessment, instruction and professional development, with a focus on continuous improvement and student success. She also supported teachers' collaborative work through professional learning communities. Additionally, Dr. Elliott has experience as a reading specialist and instructional support team teacher, a lead trainer, and a kindergarten, first grade and reading recovery teacher.

Dr. Elliott holds a doctorate of education in reading, writing and literacy from the University of Pennsylvania, a master's degree in education from Penn State University, and a bachelor's degree in elementary and early childhood education from Millersville University. She received her superintendent letter of eligibility from Edinboro University.

"I am excited to join the Upper Moreland Township School District and take on a leadership role in this outstanding community," said Dr. Elliott. "I look forward to meeting and working with all of the Golden Bears as we strengthen our district and ensure we meet the needs of every student. It is an honor and a privilege to be named as your next superintendent."

Dr. Elliott will replace Dr. William N. Kiefer, who has served as interim superintendent since January 2022.

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Note: For a photo of Dr. Elliot, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/drelliotumtsd>.