

## **Dobbs Ferry School Board Appoints New Springhurst Elementary School Assistant Principal**



**Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. February 17, 2022** – The Dobbs Ferry Board of Education (BOE) appointed Leah Grabelsky as the new Assistant Principal of Springhurst Elementary School at the Board’s February 15th meeting. Ms. Grabelsky comes to the Dobbs Ferry School District from the New York City Department of Education, where she has served in district and school-based leadership roles for the past eight years, including her present position as an Academic Response Team Specialist. She succeeds retiring Springhurst Assistant Principal Ray Cavallo and will take over at her new job on March 14th.

Ms. Grabelsky’s previous administrative experience includes positions as an Assistant Principal at the High School of Arts and Technology in New York City, Associate Director of Program Development and Design at the Learning Partners Program (which encompassed all five boroughs), and Instructional Specialist at Butler Middle School (5-8) in the Lowell Public School system in Massachusetts. Prior to entering school leadership, she worked as a Social Studies teacher for six years at Winter Hill Community School (K-8) in Somerville, Massachusetts, and before that at Pollard Middle School (6-8) in Needham, Massachusetts. She began her career as an Americorps Volunteer at Youthcare’s Orion Center in Seattle.

“I am delighted to welcome Leah to our elementary school family,” said Springhurst Principal Julia Drake, “and believe she will be a great addition to our school and administrative team. I am looking forward to introducing her to our faculty, staff, parents and students and I can’t wait for everyone to meet her in person.”

Ms. Grabelsky is a graduate of Wesleyan University, where she received a B.A in Psychology/Sociology. She holds an M.A.T. from Brown University in Secondary Social Studies (5-12 certification) and earned an Ed.M. in School Leadership from Harvard Graduate School of Education.

According to Ms. Grabelsky, who grew up in White Plains and recently moved back to Westchester, she was “drawn to the Dobbs Ferry school system because of its commitment to academic rigor, character development, equity and inclusion and community engagement.”

Dobbs Ferry Superintendent Lisa Brady said, “We are happy that Leah will be joining the Dobbs Ferry School District. She successfully navigated a rigorous interview process, and we appreciate the work of the many people who were involved. Leah brings a wealth of leadership experiences to the Assistant Principal position and we look forward to introducing her to our school community.”