

## Announcing Dr. Brown



The Dobbs Ferry School District is pleased to announce it has selected Dr. Tashia Brown as its new Springhurst Elementary School Principal. Dr. Brown was appointed by the Board of Education at the July 11, 2023 meeting, and she will take over the reins at Springhurst starting July 12, 2023.

“I could tell by the rigor of the selection process that the district takes the position of elementary school principal very seriously. It is a privilege to have been selected to serve in a district where the values and sense of purpose are so closely aligned with my own. I am excited to begin building on the foundation of all of the good work that has preceded me and working

collaboratively with faculty, staff, parents, and the community at large to plan the next steps forward,” said Dr. Brown.

The search process for the principal position began with an initial review of 155 applications. That pool was narrowed down to three candidates who were interviewed by five separate committees which included students, parents, community members, teachers, teaching assistants, building secretaries, administrators, and the Board of Education. Subsequently, Dr. Brown emerged as the top finalist and was asked to complete two performance presentations to a faculty and staff committee and to the Board of Education. Throughout the process, Dr. Brown demonstrated that she not only met, but exceeded the essential elements of the Principal Profile that was created by a building level team and reviewed by parents and the executive administrative team.

Dr. Brown previously served as an Elementary Assistant Principal in the Ellenville School District, as Elementary Assistant Principal and Elementary Principal in the White Plains School District and most recently as Elementary Principal in the Scarsdale School District. Her teaching experience includes seven years as an early elementary school teacher.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Vermont; Certification for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) from the State University of New York at New Paltz; a Master’s Degree in Educational Administration from New York University; a Master’s Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Columbia University; and a Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership, Administration, and Policy from Fordham University.

“We are thrilled to share the news with you about the appointment of Dr. Brown to serve as our next Springhurst Elementary School Principal. The quality of her experience, the strength of her references, and her performance throughout each step of the search process gave us great confidence in submitting our recommendation to the Board of Education. We are grateful to all our students, faculty, staff, parents, community members, and administrators who participated in the process,” said Superintendent Ken Slentz.