

News Release

Dobbs Ferry Board of Education Appoints New High School Science Research Coordinator

Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. June 15, 2015-- The Dobbs Ferry Board of Education officially appointed Erica Curran as the High School's new Science Research Teacher/Coordinator (grades 10-12) at its last Board meeting. Ms. Curran replaces Dr. Tom Callahan who has been with the School District for nine years, initially as a chemistry and biology teacher before spearheading the science research program in 2007, and becoming its full-time coordinator in 2013.

Ms. Curran is presently a Science Research Teacher at Yorktown High School, one of the premier science research programs in Westchester County. She has also taught Physics and Earth Science at Yorktown. Previously, Ms. Curran worked at Scarsdale High School for two years where she was an Earth Science teacher and advisor to the Garden Club, helping students to design, plant and harvest sustainable agriculture on school grounds. She began her career at Brewster High School in Brewster, New York teaching both Forensics and Earth Science. She holds a Master of Science Degree in Geology and Geophysics from the University of Connecticut, and received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from SUNY New Paltz.

Ms. Curran was selected after an in-depth screening process that included interviews with a search committee consisting of administrators, science teachers, science research students and parents. She also went through final interviews with Superintendent Dr. Lisa Brady and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Douglas Berry. "Her background in both geophysics and science research made her a very strong candidate," said Dr. Brady. "Erica also brings the added experience of having worked with the Director of Yorktown's science research program who also oversees the prestigious annual WESEF competition."

"We are thrilled about the addition of Ms. Curran to our faculty and are confident that she will continue to lead our science research program along the same path of excellence to which we have become accustomed," said Dobbs Ferry High School Principal John Falino.

Dobbs Ferry High School's Science Research Course, which was first introduced in 2007, has produced three **Intel** Science Talent Search Semi-Finalists, two **ISEF** Finalists, an **ISWEEP** honoree, a Semi-Finalist in the prestigious **Siemens** Competition in Math, Science & Technology, and numerous **Acorda** Science Excellence Award winners, among key science competition awards from WesRoc, WESEF and JSHS. Presently, the science research program is a three-year course of study beginning in 10th grade and includes approximately 50 students. The goal of the science research program is to provide students with the opportunity to conduct authentic and original scientific research of their own choosing as part of their high school sciences experience.

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