

Honeywell Update- December 16, 2015

Good evening Highland Park, this is Dr. Taylor with an introduction to our school district's new Director of Educational Services. The director plays an important role in the lives of many of our school district's children since she is responsible for managing services that support kids with short and long term special needs so it is with great importance that I share her background and the process in which the district engaged to select her to join the Highland Park team.

Mrs. Susie Budine is our new director. Mrs. Budine comes from Kenilworth where she has been the Director of Pupil Personnel Services since July 2014. Her prior roles include Supervisor of Student Services in Pecquannock Township and Vice Principal for the Bergen County Special Services District. She received degrees from Kutztown University and New Jersey City University where she focused specifically on urban education.

Twenty individuals were responsible helping decide on Mrs. Budine's selection for this position. Parents, teachers, support staff members, the child study team, the Leadership Team, the Board of Education Personnel Committee, and a representative from Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission were involved in a five-step process that led to her hire. All of us were unanimously confident that Mrs. Budine is a great fit for Highland Park.

I close this message with a note about the winter break that is upon us. A May 2015 Psychology Today article explained the importance of resting the mind as we do the body. The author shared the following quote, "If we didn't give the body a rest at night, it wouldn't function very long. The only time the mind can have a real rest is when it stops thinking and only experiences." So please take time this winter break to allow your children's minds to rest and experience so they return on January 4 refreshed and ready to jump back into the swing of classroom learning.

Have a great night.

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