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MARION CITY SCHOOLS HIRE NEW SUPERINTENDENT

(Marion, OH) Marion City Schools is pleased to announce that Olympia Della Flora has been selected as the next Superintendent for the district, replacing Mr. Steve Mazzi who has filled the role in an interim capacity for the 2022-2023 school year.

Ms. Della Flora has been the Assistant Superintendent for Marion City Schools since August of 2022. Prior to coming to the district, she spent four years as the Stamford Public Schools Associate Superintendent. Before that, she spent 17 years with Columbus City Schools as a teacher, assistant principal and principal.

"I am honored to have been chosen as the new superintendent of Marion City Schools and look forward to working collaboratively with the school board, staff, parents and greater Marion community," Della Flora said. "I'm committed to providing all students with an exceptional educational experience and look forward to working alongside Marion's talented and dedicated staff to support student learning."

The Board of Education worked with K-12 Business Consulting Firm for the superintendent search. K-12's mission is to provide public school clients with personal service customized to meet their individual district needs, delivered by thoughtful, highly qualified, and skilled associates.

"We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Della Flora as the next superintendent for our district," said Board President, Kelly Mackay. "Olympia has a vision for our district that we hope will inspire everyone to do great work for our children, parents, grandparents, and other stakeholders in the Marion City Schools community. We would also like to thank Mr. Mazzi for the exceptional job he has done as our interim superintendent during this period of transition."

During the search process focus groups were conducted for district staff and community members and the screening process narrowed the pool down to four top candidates. Through a thorough screening process, the school board narrowed the candidates down to two finalists who interviewed in front of the board and selected staff and community members on January 19. The final vote took place at the January 23 board meeting. Ms. Della Flora's contract will begin on August 1, 2023. A transition plan will be in place between Mr. Mazzi and Ms. Della Flora until that time.

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About Marion City Schools

At Marion City Schools, we want to inspire a community of achievement. We offer innovative experiences, educational options and learning programs not available in surrounding school districts. We search for ways to prepare students for not only academic success but success in college and careers as well. Our Four Pillars follow four distinct themes including Leadership, Learning, Literacy and Legacy. We want our students to leave high school with not only their diploma, but also acceptance into a two or four-year college, an adult training program, the military, or a high-paying, in-demand job.