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New Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction



Ridgefield Public Schools announced today the appointment of Cory Gillette, M.S.Ed., as the new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Ms. Gillette comes to Ridgefield from the Darien Public Schools, where she has worked since 2013, first as a Literacy Program K-12 Coordinator then K-5 English Language Arts and Social Studies Program Director.

RPS Superintendent Dr. Susie Da Silva cited Gillette's experience with Darien's K-12 curriculum alignment as critical to RPS's programmatic needs. "She has the experience to look at curriculum implementation at the elementary level to inform students' middle and high school success." Gillette's depth of knowledge with the Wilson, Foundations, and Orton-Gillingham approaches to literacy will be particularly important here. The District conducted an extensive search and found Gillette's knowledge of technology, literacy, curriculum, student assessment, and professional development for teachers to be unparalleled.

"If you are seeking an exceptional leader adept at management, data analysis, streamlining systems, and creating rigorous curriculum for all learners, look no further than Cory Gillette," wrote Dr. Joan McGettigan, Director of Instructional Technology at the Darien Public Schools. "She has a wealth of experience both inside and outside school systems, which allows her to understand the big picture needs as well as managing the organizational minutiae inherent in large systems. She is a skilled communicator, presenter, and possesses a special talent for making the complicated both relatable and doable. Gillette is persistent, well-organized, intellectually curious, and creative. She is not afraid of challenges and I have seen her successfully time and again tackle the insurmountable with grace and agility."

Ms. Gillette declared this period to be the most potentially innovative and transformational time in education. "I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to lead and learn alongside the students, teachers, administrators, staff, and community members in Ridgefield," she said. "I look forward to creating what the 'new normal' will look like with this highly talented group of teachers and administrators. Together, with the students and the community, we can capture the spirit of perseverance, collaboration, and problem-solving that have gotten us through this past year, to guide us as we prepare for the future." She will begin on February 8.