

## Kari Hamelinck Joining NHS Administrative Team As An Assistant Principal July 26th

NEWARK \_ Effective July 26<sup>th</sup> Kari Hamelinck, who has served since May 2020 as the Assistant Principal at Newark Middle School, is stepping into a new role at Newark High School as an Assistant Principal.

She will be joining the administrative team of Principal Nick Ganster and Chuck Loray, who became an Assistant Principal at NHS July 6<sup>th</sup> to replace Jason Dentel who became the Principal of the Union Springs High School July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hamelinck is filling the AP position, approved by the Board of Education July 14<sup>th</sup>, after Tiffany Cohrs, who had been functioning in that role since January of 2020 as an administrative intern, became Principal of Dundee High School in June.

*"I am thrilled to be moving up with students and families that I have already built connections with,"* Hamelinck said. *"I am looking forward to working with the High School staff and administrative team. I started my career with UPK students, welcoming our students and families into our schools for the first time. Over the years, I have worked at all of the levels, getting to see our students grow and I am looking forward to now being a part of the team that sees our students through to graduation . . . truly what becomes a new starting point for them as they head out into the world."*

*"We are thrilled to have Mrs. Hamelinck join the Newark High School learning community,"* Ganster said. *"The deep connections she has developed with our students and families over the years will be a tremendous asset for our school."*

In September 2019, the BOE approved Hamelinck's one-year interim appointment to fill the Assistant Principal vacancy at Newark Middle School created by John Ginter's departure to become the new Principal of Lincoln School. Ginter replaced Stephanie Miller who left the Lincoln Principal's job after three years to become Geneseo Central School District's Director of Pupil Personnel Services.

Before that Hamelinck had been serving as an Instructional Coach in Newark Central School District's three elementary schools for four years.

She began teaching Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) at Perkins School in Newark in 2001, continuing in that role until June of 2009. During the 2009-10 school year, she served as an Administrative Intern at Kelley School.

The following two years she taught Kindergarten at Perkins and then taught third grade for three years at Kelley School until she became an Instructional Coach at Kelley, Perkins and Lincoln Schools in 2015-16.

Hamelinck, who earned her Bachelor of Science degree from SUNY Fredonia; her Master's degree in education from Nazareth College; and her Administrative degree from SUNY Oswego, lives in Newark with husband, Jeff, and their two daughters, Elizabeth and Anna.

