



Laurie Palmisano Is New Middle School, Kelley School Assistant Principal  
As Well As District Social, Emotional Learning Coordinator

Administrative Intern at Newark Middle School and Newark High School during this last school year, Laurie Palmisano will be the new Assistant Principal at NMS and Kelley School as well as the new Social Emotional Learning Coordinator for the Newark Central School District beginning August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Palmisano, who recently has been serving as the secondary level Summer School Principal, is “very excited” about her new position approved by the Board of Education June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Before serving as an Administrative Intern this last school year, she taught fifth grade at Kelley School during the 2017-18 school year and taught either fifth or sixth grade at Lyons Elementary School for 12 years before that.

NMS Principal Teresa Prinzi and Kelley School Principal Jeff Hamelinck are looking forward to having Palmisano join their administrative teams.

*“We are very excited to have Laurie here at the Middle School as Assistant Principal,” Prinzi said. “She has made great connections with our students and families. Her background and experiences will continue to be an asset to our school community.”*

*“We’re thrilled to have Laurie back at Kelley in the role of AP and SEL Coordinator,” Hamelinck said. “We look forward to Her depth of knowledge in the area of student social emotional learning and the relationships she has with our school community that will lead to a positive impact on students.”*



Palmisano envisions much of her work as an AP at both schools and as the district's SEL Coordinator will involve helping to augment systems that will enhance academic prowess, behaviors and skills that ensure all students are *"safe, responsible, respectful and productive members of their community."*

*"We also will be helping students improve skills in the areas of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, making positive relationships and responsible decision-making,"* she said.

*"I've had the pleasure of working with Laurie in two districts now and she's an exceptional educator who will make a fantastic addition to the administrative team here in Newark,"* said Superintendent Matt Cook.



*"She is 100% focused on improving the learning environment for students and that focus will benefit all of us."*

*"I am looking forward to the roles that Laurie will be taking on to support our students with social emotional learning,"* said Krista Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. *"She takes on everything that she does with positive energy and dedication. Laurie has a wealth of knowledge to share and will be a valuable resource for this work."*

Palmisano earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Elmira College and her master's degree in general education at St. Lawrence University. In May, she completed her administrative degree in Educational Leadership at SUNY Oswego.

She lives in Geneva with wife, Casey Peterson \_ a major gift officer / fundraiser for St. Lawrence University \_ and their two children, Marco, 9, and Leigh, 7.