Kerri Levine will be new Pupil Services Director March 2

Kerri Levine, who has been the full-time Assistant Principal at Kelley School since July 2016, will become Newark Central School District’s new Director of Pupil Services March 2nd.

She is replacing Monica Stadler, who is leaving the job after a year in that position to become the Director of Pupil Personnel Services for the East Rochester School District.

“Kerri has capably served as the Assistant Principal for the last several years at Kelley School and has a long history as a special education teacher and K-12 administrator in Marion, prior to coming to Newark,” said Superintendent Matt Cook. “She’s the right fit for this job and we’re happy to be able to promote one of our own. I want to thank the interview committee, made up of teachers, therapists, teacher assistants, parents and administrators for all their assistance in the process.”

Levine, who taught in various K-5 special education roles in the Marion Central School District for 13 years until 2013 when she did a one-year administrative internship at the K-6 Marion Elementary School and continued on as a TOSA, with similar administrative duties there the following year. She became MCSD’s K-12 Coordinator of Instructional Technology at the end of June in 2015. She also served from September 2011 until June 2015 as an Elementary Project Leader and the K-12 Instructional Technology project leader there.

Levine earned her bachelor’s degree in special education and her master’s degree in literacy from Nazareth College and her educational leadership degree from the University of Rochester.

She lives with her two children, Mackenzie, 16 and Cooper, 14 and her significant other, Tom Stewart and his three children, Mack 23, Sophie, 22 and Tori, 16.

Levine is thrilled about her new position.

“I’m excited to return to my passion of supporting students, staff and families within Pupil Services,” she said. “I will miss our Kelley Community, but I look forward to supporting them and our other four Newark schools in a different capacity.”

In her new role, Levine will be working with Sara McLean who is the district’s Committee on Special Education chairperson.

“I had the privilege of working with Sara when she was a school psychologist at Kelley School and I’m excited to continue our partnership,” she said.

Stadler, who served as Assistant Director of Pupil Services for a year and a half before becoming the Director of Pupil Services in February 2019. During the 2016-17 school year, she was Teacher On Special Assignment (TOSA) as the district’s CSE chairperson. The previous year, she interned in an Assistant Principal’s role at Perkins School and as chair of the NCSD Committee on Pre-School Special Education. Thirteen years before that she was a Special Education teacher at Newark Middle School.

“The East Rochester K-12 building, with the Pupil Services office being right onsite, allows for greater student interaction, and this is what I miss most being out of the classroom,” Stadler said. “But this has been an incredibly challenging decision as Newark’s vision to meet the needs of ‘Every Student, Every Day,’ is one that I hold dear. Leaving this district, which has given me so much is very difficult. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked with district staff in serving the students, families, and community in Newark and look forward to supporting Kerri as she transitions.”

“We wish Monica the best in her new role,” Cook said.

In the meantime, Robyn Ross-Squirrell, who is Assistant Principal at Newark Middle School and Kelley School, will fill in as full-time Kelley Assistant Principal.