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UPPER DARBY SCHOOL DISTRICT WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, DR. ASHWINA G. MOSAKOWSKI


*Upper Darby School District Announces Transition as
Veteran Administrator Retires and New Leadership Steps In*

Drexel Hill, PA - The Upper Darby School District is undergoing an important transition as it bids farewell to a veteran administrator who has dedicated years of service to the community and welcomes a new leader to guide the district forward.

After an impactful career in education, Dr. Gregory Manfre, will be retiring in June, leaving behind a legacy of commitment to student success, innovation, and community engagement. Dr. Manfre's contributions have been instrumental in shaping the district's growth and ensuring the continued advancement of its educational programs.

With this transition, the district is excited to introduce Dr. Ashwina G. Mosakowski as the incoming Director of Elementary Education, who was unanimously approved by the Upper Darby School District Board of Directors on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. The Board also approved collaborative work time for Dr. Manfre and Dr. Mosakowski, allowing them to work closely together in the months leading up to Dr. Mosakowski's official transition into the role in June.

Dr. Mosakowski brings more than twenty years of experience in education, along with a strong background in educational leadership. She is deeply committed to student achievement and dedicated to creating an inclusive, supportive learning environment for all. She began her career as a French teacher at Penn Wood High School in 1999 and went on to serve as an Assistant Principal, a Principal, and the Director of Curriculum in the Southeast Delco School District. She currently serves as the Director of Teaching, Learning and Innovation, the Coordinator of Federal Programs, and the district lead for Cultural Proficiency. Dr. Mosakowski earned her Bachelor of Arts in English and French from the University of Mauritius, a Masters of Arts in English Literature from Durham University (U.K.), and a Doctorate of Education at Widener University.



"I am truly honored to step into the role of Director of Elementary Education and join the Upper Darby School District," states Dr. Mosakowski. "I am excited to serve the teachers, students, and families of this wonderful community. I look forward to collaborating with our dedicated principals and assistant principals to contribute to the continued excellence in teaching and learning for all of our students."

Dr. Manfre extends his best wishes to Dr. Mosakowski: "As I retire from my role with the Upper Darby School District, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the students, staff, and community who have made my time here so rewarding. It has been an honor to serve alongside such dedicated educators and leaders. I am confident that Dr. Mosakowski will bring fresh energy, vision, and commitment to this role, and I know the district will continue to thrive under her leadership. I wish her all the best, and I look forward to seeing the continued success of our students and community."

"As we bid farewell to Dr. Manfre," states Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Daniel McGarry, I want to express our deepest gratitude for their years of dedicated service to the Upper Darby School District. Dr. Manfre's commitment to our students and community has left an indelible mark, and we wish him all the best in retirement. At the same time, we are excited to welcome Dr. Mosakowski as his successor. With Dr. Mosakowski's wealth of experience and passion for education, we are confident that she will continue to build on the strong foundation that has been established, leading our district to even greater success. We look forward to the future under Dr. Mosakowski's leadership and are grateful for the opportunity to work together."

Neil Desnoyers, President of the Board of School Directors, states, "On behalf of the School Board of Directors, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Manfre for many years of dedication to our students and community. We wish him a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement. We are also excited to welcome Dr. Mosakowski into this new role and look forward to the continued success and growth of our district under her leadership."

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