

Columbia Board of Education Selects Maria Geryk as Superintendent

The Columbia Board of Education is pleased to announce plans to appoint Ms. Maria Geryk (pronounced Geh-rack) as the next Superintendent of the Columbia Public Schools at a special meeting at Horace W. Porter School on Wednesday, August 29th at 7:30 pm.

Ms. Geryk comes to Columbia from the Central Berkshire (MA) schools where she served most recently as Director of Student Services. Prior to Central Berkshire, Maria served for about seven years as Superintendent of Schools in Amherst, Pelham, and the Amherst-Pelham (MA) Regional Schools, one of the most highly regarded systems in that state.

Maria is deeply passionate about the growth of each child and creating system supports that encourage that growth. She encourages meaningful collaboration with colleagues, families, students, and community members to provide exceptional educational opportunities for all students. She hopes to bring a highly optimistic, dedicated, collaborative approach to her leadership of Horace W. Porter School.

Ms. Geryk holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Westfield State University and a Master's of Education and Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study from the University of Massachusetts.

The Columbia Board of Education is delighted to welcome Ms. Geryk to the community. She expects to begin in the role on October 1.