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SAU #39: Kristen Gauthier Appointed New Amherst Middle School Principal Effective July 1

Amherst & Mont Vernon, NH – May 26, 2022 – Kristen Gauthier, Assistant Principal at Ross A. Lurgio Middle School in Bedford, NH, was appointed to the role of Principal at Amherst Middle School effective July 1, 2022.

Interim Superintendent of Schools Steven Chamberlin nominated Ms. Gauthier for the position at the Amherst School Board meeting on May 25, 2022. The Amherst School Board voted unanimously in favor of the candidate for a two-year term and starting salary of \$120,000.

Mr. Chamberlin on the nomination:

“Ms. Gauthier will be a great addition to the Amherst Middle School team. She has a strong middle school background - both as a teacher and school leader; she empowers, supports, and has high expectations for faculty and staff; and she truly values student voice. I look forward to working with and learning from her.”

Ms. Gauthier:

"I am honored to be selected to lead Amherst Middle School. The opportunity to engage, challenge, and support adolescents in my town is truly a privilege. During the interview process, I was excited to learn more about the middle school through thoughtful questioning and conversations with members of the school community and I am enthusiastic about partnering with staff, students, and parents to continue to build upon a foundation of excellence in the Amherst School District."

Mr. Tom Gauthier, Chair of the Amherst School Board:

“The board is excited to welcome Kristen to the Amherst School District and SAU 39. She comes to Amherst from one of the top school systems in the state, with vast experience from teaching to leadership. There are big shoes to fill at New Hampshire's top middle school, but we are eager to work with Kristen to continue that tradition of excellence.”

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Note: Mr. Tom Gauthier is no relation to the candidate.

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