



# Brookfield Public Schools

*“Create Your Tomorrow”*

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## **Dr. Anna Mahon appointed as Brookfield’s New Assistant Superintendent**

BROOKFIELD – The Brookfield Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. John W. Barile has approved the hiring of Dr. Anna Mahon as Brookfield’s new Assistant Superintendent for teaching, learning and personnel.

Dr. Mahon was appointed to become the new assistant superintendent of schools on May 18th at the regular Board of Education meeting, following a thorough candidate search. She will be replacing Dr. Maureen Ruby who has led the district in teaching, learning and personnel since 2015.

“I have always admired the Brookfield Public School system for the strong sense of community that is created and the forward-thinking vision that has always been exemplified. I am thrilled to join Superintendent Barile and the wonderful team of educators and educational leaders to help create our tomorrow for students, families, and the town of Brookfield,” stated Mahon. She is particularly excited about assisting with the transition to the new elementary school building and the creation of the Candlewood Lake Elementary School community.

Dr. Mahon has worked for the Amity Regional School District for the past 22 years, after working as an English teacher at both Darien and Stamford High Schools. She began at ARHS as an English teacher and department chair, served as an assistant principal for five years and, for the past seven years, has been the Amity Regional High School principal. In 2016 Mahon was honored as the CAS William Cieslukowski First Year Principal of the Year.

A former Olympian, representing the United States in Athens in 2004, Dr. Mahon’s athletic background is unparalleled and her coaching experience has served her leadership well in her role as Amity’s instructional leader. She has been integral to the development of a locally-created teacher evaluation model while at Amity, has served on the Portrait of the Graduate organizing committee, and has helped redesign curriculum in all content areas with a focus on differentiation and engaging all students. Board chair Bob Belden stated, “Our district has made great strides with curriculum development and professional learning in the past several years. With the expertise and approachability that Dr. Mahon brings with her, we will advance the district even further.”

Dr. Mahon has supported the development of numerous new courses and programs throughout her tenure with the Amity Regional School District, such as Unified Physical Education, Unified Science and Science Research Program. In addition, Dr. Mahon and her leadership team created the Mastery Based Diploma Assessment program where students work toward a distribution credit requirement through standards based expectations during the first three years of their high school classes and participating in an authentic learning experience during senior year. The

Senior Service Learning Program allows 12th grade students the opportunity for authentic learning experiences at off-campus job sites for the last 3 weeks of classes each year.

Mahon is a commission member of the New England Association of School and Colleges (NEASC), has served as the chairperson for the CIAC Indoor Track and Field Committee, is treasurer for the CAS-CIAC Board of Control, and is a member of the National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSQT) advisory board. Parent, Logan Sullender, who served on the interview team shared, “After the last round of committee interviews, Anna stood out among multiple strong candidates and there was a palpable excitement that she could be our next Assistant Superintendent. Her leadership style, experience as a teacher, administrator and coach, and genuine focus on students impressed me during our conversations. She has shown herself to be dedicated, collaborative, knowledgeable and approachable, and I look forward to seeing her become part of the BPS community!”

Anna has a deep interest in developing and coaching teachers and educational leaders. Her doctoral dissertation focused on the perspectives of high school principals as they made sense of and implemented the Connecticut Teacher Evaluation Flexibility Plan during the 2020-2021 school year. With a priority on how our classrooms and schools will need to adjust based on the impacts of the pandemic, Dr. Mahon is committed to supporting building leaders as they work with teachers to engage their students and build relationships with families. Her experience and track record for bringing various stakeholders together impressed the committee.

“Dr. Mahon’s expertise in secondary level education, direct work with faculty for professional learning opportunities and laser focus on aligning goals with Strategic Plan efforts is impressive,” Superintendent John Barile stated, “It is exciting to have someone of Anna's experience and demonstrated ability to connect with students, staff and families joining our leadership team.”

Dr. Mahon will begin on August 1st.