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## School District of Whitefish Bay

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### **School District of Whitefish Bay Names New Associate Principal**



The Whitefish Bay School District is excited to welcome Katie Petersen as the new Associate Principal at Richards Elementary School effective July 1, 2021.

Feedback from school leaders who had the opportunity to work with Katie Petersen over the last several years reported her high level of empathy and concern for students, as well as her ability to collaborate with students, parents, staff and school community members. Katie's focus on academic growth for all and whole child/SEL development helped her candidacy rise to the top.

Ms. Petersen holds a Master of Science degree in Administrative Leadership from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee and a Master of Science degree in Education with a Professional Development emphasis from the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse. She has spent 17 years in education. For the past four years, Katie served as the Full Release Mentor and Instructional Coach with the School District of South Milwaukee. Ms. Petersen's previous administrator roles were serving as the Principal at St. Anthony Middle School in Milwaukee for two years, and five years working in the Greendale School District at the high school level, as an Associate Principal for four years & Dean of Students for one year at Greendale High School. Prior to becoming an Administrator, Katie taught instructional music at all levels for several years in the Greendale School District and Sun Prairie Area School District. Ms. Petersen holds the following Administrator DPI Certifications: Principal (EC-A, Grades PK-12) and Director of Instruction (EC-A, Grades PK-12), and DPI Teacher Certification Instrumental Music (Grades PK-12).

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. John W. Thomsen, reported, "Katie's range of positive leadership experiences - teacher, instructional coach, and school administrator provide her with the vital skills and disposition required for success in the elementary associate principal role. We are very excited to have Katie Peterson join Principal Dr. Kasmarick and the Richards Elementary School Team in the new dedicated associate principal role."



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