

Principal Selected for Hardy Elementary School

The Arlington Public Schools announced today that Katherine S. Peretz has accepted the position of Principal of Hardy Elementary School. Ms. Peretz will assume her responsibilities on July 1, 2018.

Superintendent Kathleen Bodie noted that Ms. Peretz's record of accomplishment and focus fits well with the Hardy Elementary School's strengths and goals. "Kate Peretz is a highly capable leader who has the skills, focus, and experience to support the Hardy School community through this leadership transition and into its strong future."

Superintendent Bodie also noted that the position attracted very strong candidates. "Arlington Public Schools is attracting outstanding applicants to join our leadership team. I thank the members of the search committee for their discerning role in this process. All four finalists will be strong contributors to their school communities for years to come."

Katherine (Kate) Peretz, is currently Principal of the Oak Street Elementary School in Franklin, a position she has held since 2016. She joined the Franklin Public Schools in 2014 as Assistant Principal at the Helen Keller Elementary School. From 1997 through 2014 she was a classroom teacher for grades 5 and 6 at the McCarthy-Towne Elementary School in the Acton Public Schools. She also served as the Coordinator of the Beginning Teacher Support Program for the Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools from 2008-2014.

Ms. Peretz received her BA in Communications from Fordham University, and her Master of Education from Framingham State University. She is a former National Board Certified Teacher. Ms. Peretz is currently enrolled in a graduate certificate program at William James College, focused on a positive school culture and climate. She also was a member of the initial cohort of the Teacher Leadership Initiative, a program created by the National Education Association, the Center for Teaching Quality and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.