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Dear Francis A. Desmares Elementary School Families,

On Monday, June 26, 2023, the Board of Education approved my recommendation for Mrs. Mary Jane Custy as the next Vice Principal of Francis A Desmares Elementary School, effective August 15. Mrs. Custy previously served as the Vice Principal of Barley Sheaf Elementary School for two years, where she has proudly served the families, students, faculty, and staff.

When asked about joining the Francis A. Desmares Elementary School community, Mrs. Custy shared, *"I am eager to join the Desmares School community and work alongside each of you to support the academic, social, and emotional needs of students. I believe in fostering a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment where students feel valued, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential."*

Mrs. Custy earned a master's degree from Rider University in Educational Leadership with Principal and Supervisor Certification. As she transitions to Francis A. Desmares Elementary School, Mrs. Custy brings more than 20 years of experience in education. Since joining our District in 2009, Mrs. Custy has taught in all four elementary schools and served as a literacy coach for the District's core literacy program. She also served as a G&T Stretch teacher for over 10 years prior to becoming a vice principal. She coordinated summer programs for students and led professional development for faculty to enhance instruction. Mrs. Custy also knows the Desmares community well; she is a parent of three young adults who are all former Desmares School students -- *Dolphins for Life!*

Students and families are invited to Francis A. Desmares Elementary School on Thursday, August 17, at 12 p.m. for *"Ice Pops on the Playground."* This meet-and-greet time is an opportunity for the Francis A. Desmares Elementary School community to welcome Mrs. Custy as a Desmares Dolphin!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kari McGann
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