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## **Dr. Glassman Starts as District's Next Superintendent of Ossining**

OSSINING, N.Y. — A new year starts for schools on July 1, and at Ossining, the new beginning also brings new leadership: Dr. Phyllis Glassman, Ed.D., steps into her role as superintendent of the Ossining Union Free School District, with the retirement of Dr. Robert J. Roelle June 30.

“It is an extraordinary and humbling privilege, as well as a great honor, to be serving as superintendent for Ossining’s schools,” said Dr. Glassman. “I look forward to continuing our work toward the success of all students.”

Dr. Glassman joined the Ossining School District in 1992 as assistant superintendent, following more than 20 years in teaching and administration in the Capital region and Long Island, N.Y. She has served as deputy superintendent since 1998, and has garnered many accolades for her work encouraging achievement among Ossining’s youngest children as well as her efforts to bridge the achievement gap. In 2005, she received a citation for her work from the New York State Assembly, as well as the New York State Council of School Superintendents’ Appreciation Award, the Superintendent’s Leadership Award and a proclamation from the Westchester County Board of Legislators. When the Board of Education honored Dr. Glassman in 2005, it underscored her leadership, vision and commitment.

Dr. Glassman has been and is a member of numerous professional committees and organizations, including the New York State Middle Level Advisory Council, State Assessment Committees, and the American Association of School Administrators. She is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Teatown Lake Reservation.

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Dr. Glassman became a teacher after earning her Master of Arts in English from SUNY at Albany. She taught English in the Capital region and Long Island and served in several administrative roles in Long Island school systems. She then earned several degrees in educational administration, including a Doctor of Education in Administration and Policy Studies from Hofstra University in 1989.

Dr. Glassman's dedication to the Ossining School District is evidenced by her numerous contributions to the district overall. Proud of the Ossining School District, she has initiated many professional presentations and publications touting the achievements of the district in the hopes of inspiring others. She has traveled the country presenting to school board associations and school administrator groups, including a presentation in New Orleans this year on "Ossining Educates Black Males to Soaring Standards." She has been instrumental in looking at the achievement gap not just from an analytical perspective but from a human one. Those who work closely with Dr. Glassman recognize her as a strong supporter of staff accomplishments, who is not afraid to intercede when necessary and who encourages all voices.

"Dr. Glassman is in the best position to lead our district into the future," said Board of Education Vice President Miki Weiss. "She has the dedication to address the hard challenges ahead and the positive attitude required to make things happen."

In addition to Dr. Glassman's move to superintendent, other staff members also assume new positions on July 1, as previously announced by the Board. Raymond Sanchez, currently assistant superintendent for elementary education and human resources, moves into the position of deputy superintendent vacated by Dr. Glassman. Angela White, currently principal of Brookside School, will assume the position of assistant superintendent for elementary education and administrative services.

Additionally, Felix Flores, who currently serves as assistant principal at Brookside, will become interim principal of the school; Ferzeen Bhana, currently elementary math coordinator and staff developer, will take on the assistant principal position at Brookside.

The Ossining Union Free School District, nationally recognized for its mission to further the success of all children, serves approximately 4,200 pupils in six schools: Roosevelt School for newborn to four-year-olds, Park Early Childhood Center for kindergarten through first grade, Brookside School for grades two and three, Claremont School for grades four and five, Anne M. Dorner Middle School for grades six through eight, and Ossining High School for grades nine through 12. **6/07**