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Announcement of Appointment

Dr. Lorenda D. Chisolm is selected as Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

The Schenectady City School District is pleased to announce that Dr. Lorenda D. Chisolm has been selected to fill the position of Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning.



"I am pleased and honored to share that Dr. Chisolm will be joining my administrative team in this important leadership role overseeing teaching and learning in the district," said Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr. "Dr. Chisolm brings extensive school leadership experience, passion, commitment to ensuring equity and inclusivity and an understanding of the importance of strengthening community. She shares our vision for improvement, and I am confident will be a force in our work toward Schenectady rising."

Chisolm currently serves as Director of School Review in the Office of Shared Accountability in Buffalo Public Schools (BPS). She comes to Schenectady with more than 15 years of experience in education, eight of those in school and district leadership. Chisolm is also an adjunct professor in the Graduate School of Education at Medaille College. Prior to entering the field of education, she spent five years in law enforcement.

As Director of School Review, Chisolm provides leadership and oversight for nearly 60 schools in the school review process as it relates to state and federal monitoring and compliance requirements with use of data to drive instruction and student achievement at the school level, supporting the creation of School Comprehensive Education Plans (SCEP), monitoring progress, and making modifications when necessary. Chisolm is also responsible for the detailed school review and monitoring of the BPS district-authorized charter schools.

"I am thankful to be entrusted to serve among such dynamic educators and even more appreciative of the opportunity to serve the students and families of Schenectady City Schools," said Chisolm, whose passion and life's work lies in ensuring equitable access to quality education for all students with a focus on social justice leadership. "When we educate children, we strengthen families; when we strengthen families, we build stronger communities; and when we have stronger communities, we will see Schenectady rise," she said.

The position of Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning is a newly created cabinet-level title under Soler's redesigned organizational structure that prioritizes teaching and learning and reflects a shift in operations, management, and reporting.

Chisolm will play a critical role in the planning, development and implementation of the district's teaching and learning program and curriculum and instruction including the review of curriculum, course offerings, materials, projects, and professional development. She will also oversee the organization and planning for state and local assessments as well as the development of policies, regulations and procedures related to instructional programs. Chisolm will serve as a member of the superintendent's cabinet.

Chisolm is a member of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, the International School Leadership Development Network, and the University Council of Educational Administration. She is the proud mother of daughter in her third year of college, a member of St. John Baptist Church and an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Chisolm obtained a B.A. in Psychology and Criminal Justice, a M.A. in Counseling and Human Services, and a M.S. in Educational Leadership and Supervision from Canisius College in Buffalo. She earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Administration from the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

The board of education approved Chisolm's appointment at the September 8 meeting. She is expected to start in the district in mid-October.

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