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Pine-Richland to Welcome New Administrator

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PRINCIPAL JENNA SLOAN

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Pine-Richland School District is welcoming a new administrator to the team. On Monday, June 8, 2020, the board approved Ms. Jenna Sloan as the principal of Richland Elementary School.

Ms. Sloan has been serving as principal of Norman A. Trimmer Elementary School in the West York Area School District since January of 2017. Ms. Sloan previously worked in the Susquehanna Township School District in Dauphin County, as a middle school ELA and special education teacher from 2008-2014, and an assistant principal at both the middle school and elementary level from 2014-2017. Her teaching career began at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit where she served as a long-term substitute in an autism support classroom.

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process was heavily focused on identifying a two-way fit with an educator who embraces the responsibility of leadership and ownership in strengthening the culture at Richland and within the district. Students, staff and parents will feel her energy and commitment to communication, teamwork and learning."

During Ms. Sloan's time with West York and Susquehanna Township, she took the lead in the areas of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports and Multi-Tiered System of Supports, worked through departmentalizing grades four and five in two elementary buildings and worked on curriculum initiatives.

"Ms. Sloan demonstrates authentic philosophical alignment to Pine-Richland's mission, vision, values, and strategic approach, " said Dr. Kristen Justus, assistant superintendent for elementary education & curriculum. "Her experiences to date as a leader within the classroom as a teacher and in the role of principal will enrich our organization, particularly in the areas of intervention through RAM Time, the RAMS Way positive behavior system, and her ability to lead teams collaboratively and empower others. She is committed to the success of students and expressed an interest in building relationships and strengthening the strong sense of community among students, families, and staff members at Richland Elementary School. We are looking forward to welcoming her to the K-3 team specifically, as well as the overarching district team."

Ms. Sloan completed her Master of Education in Teaching and Curriculum as well as her K-12 Principal Certification from The Pennsylvania State University. During the principal certification program, she was awarded the H. Edgar Wisehaupt Outstanding Principal Award, given to students enrolled in the program "who demonstrate knowledge, skill, and leadership necessary to become an outstanding principal." Ms. Sloan earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree and a certificate in Special Education from Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA.

"I value the many relationships I have built over the years, both with students and adults and am honored to bring all I have learned to Richland Elementary School and the Pine-Richland School District, " said Ms. Sloan. "I was drawn in by the district's mission, vision and values and as I explored the website and met with the team through the interview process, I knew this was the right step for me professionally and personally. I cannot wait to be a Pine-Richland Ram and meet everyone who has such a great passion for the success of our school."

Ms. Sloan, who will be moving to the area from Harrisburg with her fiancé and three dogs, and she cannot wait to get to know everyone. She is replacing Dr. Gene Nicastro, who has served the district since 2012 and is relocating.

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