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New Principal Named at Malletts Bay School

Colchester School District is pleased to announce that Ms. Jordan Burke has been selected as the new principal of Malletts Bay School effective July 1, 2018.

After an extensive search process that included a committee of highly-respected faculty, parents, school board members and administrators, Ms. Burke emerged as the outstanding choice to lead Malletts Bay School.

“What made Jordan stand out amongst the other candidates was her connection with students, dedication to working collaboratively with the faculty, and her commitment to ensuring that Malletts Bay School is a welcoming place for students and families alike,” shared Superintendent Amy Minor.

Ms. Burke earned her bachelor’s degree in American studies from Colby College and her master’s degree from Dartmouth College in globalization studies. She later acquired her post master’s certificate in school leadership from Antioch University. She started her career as a middle school teacher at a charter school in Minden, Nevada. She then spent the next six years continuing to teach in North Haverhill, New Hampshire while also coaching track and field and soccer. In 2006 she was the sole New Hampshire recipient of a James Madison Fellowship, a highly coveted award that provides scholarships to social studies teachers pursuing their master’s degree. Ms. Burke became assistant principal of Haverhill Cooperative Middle School in 2011 and three years later came back to her hometown of Colchester, Vermont as the assistant principal of Malletts Bay School.

In her nearly four years at Malletts Bay School, she has overseen progress in several areas. Most notably, implementing the model of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) in a successful school-wide format two years ago. This addition has helped form a proactive approach to improving social and academic competence for all students at the school.

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Current Principal Julie Benay, who announced her intention to retire at the end of the school year, was thrilled to hear of the search committee’s decision. “I’m so excited that Jordan Burke will be leading Malletts Bay School. She is an incredibly talented and hard working young administrator, who is dedicated to her hometown of Colchester. Jordan is well known and admired by the Malletts Bay faculty and staff, and has established herself as an intelligent and thoughtful leader.”

When asked about how she felt about her new role, Ms. Burke stated, “I’m honored to serve as the next building leader and I’m looking forward to working with everyone in the Colchester community.”



Pictured: Jordan Burke

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