



Dear Ferderbar families,

Neshaminy School District is pleased to introduce Stephanie Washam as the new principal at Joseph Ferderbar Elementary School to replace Judy Brown, who retired during the summer. This appointment was approved by the Neshaminy Board of School Directors at their Public Board meeting Tuesday evening.

Ms. Washam brings a wealth of experience both in the classroom and in elementary administration to Ferderbar. She is currently the Humanities Supervisor K-5 and Federal Programs K-12 for Pennridge School District. Before that she served as the State Elementary Literacy Specialist for the New Jersey Department of Education; Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Elementary and Instructional Coach and Lead Kindergarten Teacher for Scholar Academies (a Philadelphia Renaissance School); and Director of Education and Educational Program Specialist at Acelero Learning in Camden, NJ. She started her career in education at Acelero Learning with the Teach for America Program as a pre-kindergarten teacher and Learning Team Leader.

She is a 2006 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in History. She earned her Teaching Certificate in Early Childhood Education at Montclair State University in 2008 and a Masters in Teaching, Learning and Curriculum and Principal Certification (Pre-K-12) with a concentration in Early Childhood and Reading at Drexel University in 2012.

It is expected that Ms. Washam will be able to be released from her current assignment to start with Neshaminy by the beginning of October – or sooner. We will plan an opportunity to welcome her to Ferderbar once we have a better indication of a start date. Until then, Mr. Modica will continue as Acting Principal, and we thank him for stepping up to start off a great school year at Joseph Ferderbar Elementary School.



*Stephanie Washam*