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Hillside Middle Schools Welcomes New Assistant Principal



Northville Public Schools and the Hillside Middle School community welcomes Natalie Mootry as assistant principal for the 2022-2023 school year. At the July 12, 2022, Board of Education meeting, the Northville Board of Education unanimously approved Mrs. Mootry's contract.

Mrs. Mootry joins Northville Public Schools from Detroit Public Schools Community District where she was an Instructional Coach and earned the high distinction of ELA Master Teacher through specialized training for grades 4-8. Mootry is a seasoned educator with 17 years of experience. Her first teaching job was at Marvin Winans Academy for Performing Arts on the eastside of Detroit. She also taught at Old Redford Academy Middle School, Robichaud High School in Dearborn Heights, along with her most recent experience in Detroit Public Schools.

In 2019, Mootry accompanied a team of educators to Charleston, SC to help those teachers learn about a curriculum Mootry had been teaching, implementing and coaching for four years. The teachers left invigorated. Mootry says she is bringing that same positive and supportive coaching, as well as leadership training via Detroit New Emerging Leaders and Wayne RESA Culturally Responsive teaching training to Hillside and the NPS community.

Mrs. Mootry said, "Northville Public Schools has a reputation for excellence, so I am very honored, thrilled, and humbled for the 2022/2023 school year to begin. During the interview process, I was given the opportunity to meet with a few teachers, parents, administrators, but more importantly the assistant superintendent and incoming superintendent. That last meeting was one that painted a clear vision and mission for NPS where all students can learn within an equitable, diverse and exceptional environment where teachers are coached and supported in growing their best practices. I am ready and eager to support my leaders, as well as the NPS community."

Mrs. Mootry earned her undergraduate degree at Eastern Michigan University and later re-enrolled at the University of Michigan-Dearborn to obtain a Masters in Arts with a reading specialist endorsement in 2010. In April 2022, Mootry obtained another Masters degree at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in Educational Leadership.

Mr. Mootry has been married for 12 years and has two boys (12 and 8 years old). Mootry loves to cook new recipes, travel to beaches with her family, and go to concerts.