

Assistant Superintendent Goodrum appointed to Michigan Department of Education's Social Emotional Learning Network

Farmington, MI -- Farmington Public Schools' Assistant Superintendent for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Bobbie Hayes Goodrum, has been appointed to serve on the Michigan Department of Education's Social Emotional Learning Network by State Superintendent Dr. Rice.

The purpose of the network is to influence the adoption of what Collaborative for Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) calls, "Transformative SEL." CASEL recommends centering equity in five critical competencies:

1. Self-Awareness
2. Social Awareness
3. Self Management
4. Responsible Decision Making
5. Relationship Skills

In this time of COVID and the racial reckoning we experience, it is critical that we assure that a child's identity, agency, and belonging are championed and considered as a first step, before the five competencies are promoted. The Social Emotional Learning Network has goals to expand Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and its important impact on students and staff within Michigan schools by reaching and supporting children and their families across Michigan. Goodrum was chosen due to her champion spirit for students' social, emotional, and mental health in the state of Michigan.

"I am honored to be a member of this statewide group which focuses on both equity and social emotional learning for our students - which is clearly connected," stated Goodrum. "I look forward to collaborating and creating tools that will be used throughout the state to address these critical issues."



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The Network is composed of educators and support staff from across the 10 Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA) regions, as well as in other child-serving education organizations.

Farmington Public Schools is thrilled to have Goodrum serve the state in the SEL arena. To learn more about Farmington Public Schools, please visit www.farmington.k12.mi.us.