



Arlington Public Schools

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Dear Stratton Community,

It is with great enthusiasm that I announce Ms. Amy Kelly as the incoming principal of Stratton Elementary School. This decision comes following a comprehensive series of interviews, conducted in collaboration with the Stratton search committee. I eagerly anticipate the invaluable wealth of experience and expertise she will contribute to the Stratton community and district as a whole.



Amy is currently the Director of Equity and Learning, K-12 in the Weston Public Schools, and has previously served as the Director of Social Emotional Learning and as an elementary principal for six years in Newton. In both her materials and interviews, she demonstrated a commitment to equity and inclusion, social emotional learning, and engaging directly with families, students, and staff. Throughout the entire selection process, Ms. Amy Kelly impressed us with concrete examples of how she would foster an inclusive community, tackle concerns, resolve conflicts, and actively involve both staff and families in collaborative decision-making. During her tenure at Franklin School, Amy successfully led a stabilization program for students with significant special needs while fostering close collaboration with the student services department and SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council). This initiative effectively supported the unique educational requirements of these students and promoted an inclusive and supportive learning environment. [Her full resume can be found here.](#)

Typically, we conduct a comprehensive finalist round during our search processes. However, in this unique instance, the committee reached a unanimous decision in selecting Amy as the ideal candidate. Additionally, given the current phase of the educational hiring season where candidates are actively involved in multiple searches, search committees often need to expedite the decision-making process. I had complete confidence in advancing Amy through the process due to her participation in a finalist round as part of a prior principal search, where she demonstrated exceptional performance. Moreover, both the committee and I firmly believe that Amy's leadership is the optimal path forward for Stratton.

We will extend opportunities for Amy to connect with families, staff, and students in the coming weeks. These interactions will provide everyone with a chance to personally meet Amy and extend a warm welcome. We will promptly inform you about the specifics of these upcoming events. Meanwhile, please join me in extending a heartfelt Arlington welcome and congratulations to Amy!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth C. Homan, Ph.D.
Superintendent, Arlington Public Schools