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A newsletter for the staff of QRSD

## *From the Superintendent's Desk*

### *Janeth Williams*

#### **Selected as Hardwick Elementary School Principal**



Superintendent Gee is pleased to announce the appointment of *Janeth Williams* as the new principal of the **Hardwick Elementary School**. Jan, selected from a narrowed candidate pool of six highly-rated applicants, is the current Dean of Academic Affairs at Quabbin Regional Middle School, and has been a teacher in the district for 12 years prior. She joined Quabbin after moving back to New England from West Virginia where she began her teaching career. She holds a MALA from Clark University and a BA from Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA.

The principal search process began March 10<sup>th</sup> and included interviews of six candidates by a committee representing all constituents – teachers, administrators, staff, parents, and the school committee. The committee was chaired by **Marilyn Tencza**, Quabbin Regional High School Principal. Three finalists were forwarded to the superintendent, who selected two candidates to visit the school on April 16 and April 17. An open forum for community members and staff was held after each visit. The decision to select Jan was made by the Administrative Team on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Jan is the third principal of Hardwick Elementary School, following the footsteps of *Catherine Brandon* who is retiring after ten years as principal there. Catherine joined Quabbin in 1996 as a K-8 Associate Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction, and then became Associate Principal at Ruggles Lane in 1997. Richard Bray served as principal from 1984 - 1998.

Superintendent Gee states, “Jan brings to the position experience as a teacher at all levels, a research and practice background in literacy and math, and a high degree of professionalism. She will be an asset to the district’s educational leadership team well into the future.”