

**February 11, 2009**

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW VALLEY COTTAGE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

At the Nyack Board of Education meeting on **Tuesday, February 10** the District's nationwide search for a new Principal to replace Brenda Grier, who retired in December, culminated with the appointment of **ANDREA S. CODDETT**. She will assume the position on July 1, replacing Interim Principal, Stephen Ochser.

Ms. Coddett, with the Greenburgh Central 7 Schools since 1995, is currently the Principal/Director of the District's Early Childhood Program. For the past seven years she has been the District's Math Instructional Specialist as well, supervising the math curriculum and instruction for five schools. In addition, she has served as Greenburgh's Interim Assistant Superintendent, and Summer School Principal. She began her career in Greenburgh as a Special Education Teacher.

Nyack received about 120 applications for the position, interviewed eleven candidates, and selected from two finalists. The representative interview Committee of administrators, staff, parents and community members were impressed with Ms. Coddett's enthusiasm, leadership vision and skills as an educator and administrator. "A site visit to Greenburgh confirmed our decision," says Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Valencia Douglas. "Ms. Coddett, is a positive communicator and creative thinker who is dedicated to the academic success of each child through rigorous and differentiated instruction. She is an exceptional choice to lead Valley Cottage School, and will be a tremendous asset to the District."

Ms. Coddett is looking forward to meeting the District's students, staff, parents and community. "I am honored and excited to join such a caring, dynamic and progressive school district. I am confident that together, we can continue along the path of high academic achievement and social-emotional well-being for all of Valley Cottage's students."

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