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RE: APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM PRINCIPAL

Dear Nyack School Community,

I am pleased to announce that at the November 18 Board of Education meeting **STEPHEN OCHSER** was appointed Interim Principal at Valley Cottage School for the remainder of the school year. He will be working with Mrs. Grier to assure a smooth transition until her retirement at the end of December.

Mr. Ochser, a retired principal with over thirty years experience in all facets of elementary education, last served as principal of grade K-5 schools in the Harrison and Mahopac School districts. He has the skills, energy and attitude to continue the school's excellent academic work in a welcoming environment of collaboration, and caring.

The search process continues for Mrs. Grier's permanent replacement, with applications closing on December 12. We expect to have a new principal appointed by the end of January.

I join with all of you in wishing Mrs. Grier the best in her retirement. She will be sorely missed, but I know our careful and wide ranging selection process to find her successor will result in an administrator that will continue the fine traditions of Valley Cottage School and the District's goal to help each child reach his/her highest potential.

Sincerely,

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