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Marcelle Durost selected as Horace Mitchell Interim Principal

Kittery, ME - The Kittery School Committee is pleased to announce that **Marcelle Durost** has been selected as the Horace Mitchell Interim Principal starting July 1, 2017. She will be replacing David Foster, who will be retiring as a Maine educator after 27 dedicated years at Horace Mitchell School.

Ms. Durost comes to Kittery as a distinguished educator serving over 40 years as a teacher and administrator in Woodland, Bangor, Bucksport and most recently Southport. Her successful experience as a teacher and administrator at the early elementary level makes her an outstanding interim leader for Mitchell School. Marcelle expressed her excitement in accepting the position and stated, " *My goal is to join a highly successful school community to strengthen and maintain the strong educational programs you offer your students.* "

The hiring of Ms. Durost follows an extensive search process, which did not result in the hiring of the right individual to lead the Mitchell School community. The School Committee asked the Superintendent to seek out qualified, experienced candidates to fill the position as an Interim Principal for the 2017-18 school year with the intent to re-post the Principal opening in December 2017 to find a permanent replacement for 2018-19.

Superintendent Allyn Hutton stated, "We are extremely fortunate to secure a highly qualified and experienced individual to fill the interim position. Ms. Durost possesses the skills and experience to guide the Mitchell staff and school and we welcome her to our school community."

Ms. Durost holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from University of Maine/Presque Isle, a Masters Degree in Special Education from University of Maine/Orono and a Certificate of Advanced Studies from University of Maine/Orono. She has served as a Grades K-3 classroom teacher, a Grades 5-8 literacy teacher, a Special Education teacher, a Special Education Director, an Elementary Principal (20 years) and a Teaching Principal. She has stated " *I have truly enjoyed each professional experience and have grown professionally from each opportunity. I am thrilled to be joining the Mitchell School staff!* "