

# Kittery

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Good Friday morning Shapleigh School families!

I hope your first week of school went smoothly and that you were ready to transition back to a school schedule. Perhaps the parents were ready, but the students were not? Regardless, the new school year is up and running. My own children enjoy the start of a new school year (even though they may be reluctant to admit it!).

I wanted to make sure you all knew that we made a leadership team change late in the summer at Shapleigh School. Mrs. Beach, the previous Shapleigh School assistant principal, decided after three successful years in administration to return to school counseling. She has moved on to a middle school counseling position in New Hampshire, and we wish her continued success in her career.

Since the change came late in the hiring season, we sought and hired an interim assistant principal for the 2019-20 school year. I was very pleased that the pool of candidates was extremely impressive, and after two rounds of interviewing many promising administrators, I was thrilled to nominate Mrs. Michelle Perry to the School Committee. Mrs. Perry was formally hired for this new appointment on August 20th.

You may know Mrs. Perry as a talented teacher at Mitchell Primary School and Shapleigh School. She began her new appointment on August 21st, and by all measures, she is doing a fantastic job. I know she and Principal Ellis will make a great team! Since her appointment is an interim, one-year-only position, we will launch a search for a permanent assistant principal in late winter/early spring.

I have attached Mrs. Perry's biography here for you to enjoy. You may read all the Leadership Team biographies (including mine!) on the Kittery School District website. Click on the *'Meet Our Leadership Team'* tab at the top of the page. Happy reading!

And happy weekend!

Eric Waddell, Superintendent of Schools