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PRESS RELEASE

Board of Education Crown Point Central School

After almost 30 years, Mrs. Shari Brannock will retire as Superintendent of Schools next year, effective January 15, 2022. At its meeting last night, the Crown Point Central School Board accepted Mrs. Brannock's Retirement. Our Principal, Mrs. Tara Celotti, was appointed and will transition to the Superintendent position. This Duo has worked together for 17 years, the last 7 as the Administrative Team.

Brannock said: "I appreciate your support, as well as that of the students, staff, families and community members. CPCS has provided me opportunities to serve our District in many capacities.

Mrs. Brannock is retiring for two very important reasons. One to spend more time with family. And two, she believes that her retirement will help CPCS financially. The plan includes Brannock staying on part-time to transition the Business side of the job.

Brannock said: "Now, more than ever, I feel an obligation to keep our school moving in a positive financial direction. Due to the pandemic, the next few years will make our budget process very difficult. I stand ready to work through this unforeseen time for our District."

"I look forward to continue working with our new Superintendent, Tara Celotti, through what I know will be a smooth transition. She is an amazing leader and team player who will do great things for our school and our students!

I am so proud to have been a contributing member of the CPCS Team all these years. I love my students, I love my school...I will always bleed Black and White!!"--Shari L. Brannock

A statement from Mitch St. Pierre,
Board President of Crown Point Central

“On behalf of the Crown Point School Board, I wish Mrs. Shari Brannock many happy years in her retirement. Mrs. Brannock has been a pioneer in bringing our school to the success that it is now. I joined the school board at about the same time that Mrs. Brannock came to us about 30 years ago. I had the opportunity to watch Mrs. Brannock use her financial management skills to bring us to a better place financially, providing our tax payers with consistently small and reasonable tax increases year after year.

Almost 20 years ago, Mrs. Brannock became the Superintendent of our School at a time when our school had been plagued with many turnovers of Superintendents, leaving our school in constant turmoil and disarray. We spent many years on the state’s list of schools in need of improvement. All that has changed now with Mrs. Brannock at the helm. We are now the envy of many schools in our surrounding area, based on our test scores and a learning environment that has created an enthusiasm for our students to come here and for our teachers to be happy to work here. I could go on and on with many more accolades about the success of our school under the guidance provided by Mrs. Brannock. Suffice it to say, Mrs. Brannock will be missed by the board and community for many years to come.

We look forward to the continued success of CPCS under the leadership of our Principal, Tara Celotti. Mrs. Celotti has the skills and experience that our students and families can rely on”.

Comments from Tara Celotti:

“I appreciate the confidence and support the Board, Staff, Students and Community have shown me. I am excited to serve the district in a new role as Superintendent. In my 17-year tenure at CPCS, I have taught in almost every room and know every student’s name. I also understand the internal and external family dynamics, classroom climate and Panther culture. Crown Point has been described as a unicorn by many guests to the building. That didn’t happen overnight. CPCS is an outstanding school because of the dedication and resiliency of our staff, and because of our fearless leader, Mrs. Brannock, which I hope to continue with the same dignity and grace. Building positive relationships, listening to create and motivate all stakeholders towards success, and being committed to growth are all important goals. Our students are amazing and I will work diligently to make sure they are always first!”