



## **VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24**

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### **Valley Stream School District 24 Appoints Johanne Gaddy Principal of William L. Buck Elementary School**

Valley Stream School District 24 is pleased to announce the appointment of Johanne Gaddy as the new principal of William L. Buck Elementary School. Ms. Gaddy will succeed Susan Leggett, who recently retired.

“We are thrilled to have Ms. Gaddy, and we are certain that her experience and leadership will continue to advance the exceptional educational experience offered at William L. Buck Elementary School,” said Dr. Don Sturz, Superintendent of Valley Stream School District 24.

Ms. Gaddy describes her leadership style as inclusive, believing that collaboration with parents and other stakeholders in the community is the best approach to creating a school environment that meets the social-emotional needs of students and opens up new educational opportunities for success and achievement. Toward this end, Ms. Gaddy has already started to collaborate with Buck Elementary’s PTA to plan a Homecoming event to celebrate the return to school.

“I am excited to begin this journey with Valley Stream School District 24, and in particular, the students, educators, staff, and parents of William L. Buck Elementary School,” said Ms. Gaddy. “Working together with this talented team and our families, I know each child will flourish. This feels like the perfect fit; it feels like home.”

Johanne Gaddy has more than 20 years of elementary school experience. Prior to her new position as Principal of William L. Buck Elementary School, Ms. Gaddy was a classroom teacher at West End Elementary School in Lynbrook for 5 years. In addition, Ms. Gaddy has held various roles, including classroom teacher, learning specialist, coach, and principal’s assistant in suburban and urban settings. Ms. Gaddy earned her Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from SUNY Stony Brook, and masters of science in education and educational leadership from Long Island University, C.W. Post.