

School District of Whitefish Bay  
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## **Press Release**

### **Appointment of Director of Instruction**

Jim Rickabaugh, District Administrator of the Whitefish Bay School District, announced today the hiring of Laura M. Myrah as the new Director of Instruction for the District. Ms. Myrah currently serves as the principal of Brookfield Elementary School in the Elmbrook School District. Ms. Myrah brings 17 years of teaching and administrative experience to the District having served as an elementary principal in West Bend; a coordinator of gifted & talented education, a third grade teacher and a kindergarten teacher in Port Washington.

Laura Myrah earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Concordia University and her Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership from Cardinal Stritch University.

Ms. Myrah is an accomplished researcher and has written numerous articles on classroom instruction plus authoring a book on *Using What We Know About Learning to Improve Teaching*.

Ms. Myrah is a member of the board for the Wisconsin Association of School Administrators; a member of the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Laura is described by colleagues as someone who is immediately welcoming and approachable to students, staff, and parents. She is seen as a balanced individual who sees issues from multiple perspectives and handles issues and initiatives with skill and sensitivity. Her rich background in educational research and effective practice and passion for learning match well with the priorities of the Whitefish Bay School Community.

The Whitefish Bay School Board will act on the contract to hire Laura Myrah on June 10. Ms. Myrah will begin her duties as Director of Instruction on July 1, 2009.