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Dear District 91 Families:

It is my pleasure to announce that the Forest Park School District Board of Education has named Elizabeth Alvarez, Ph.D. as the next Superintendent of Schools starting July 1, 2021 to succeed Dr. Louis Cavallo, who is retiring at the end of the school year. Dr. Alvarez currently serves as the Chief of Schools of Network 8 for the Chicago Public Schools and provides support, professional learning, and guidance to school leadership, staff, and students at 18 schools on the South and Southwest sides.

The selection is the result of a national search conducted with the assistance of School Exec Connect, a Chicago-based search and consulting firm that produced over 60 qualified applicants from diverse geographic and professional backgrounds.

Dr. Alvarez is a bilingual, urban school leader who brings multicultural awareness, gender sensitivity, and ethical appreciation to her leadership. She encourages staff, community, and students to achieve greatness in all they do and take pride in their school climate and culture. More importantly, she aims to instill a sense of belonging with a developed understanding of social emotional learning in schools so that learning is at the forefront and increased student achievement is inevitable.

Dr. Alvarez holds a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She also holds two master's degrees, one in curriculum and instruction from the University of Illinois at Chicago and another in instructional leadership from the American College of Education.

After 13 years in the classroom as a middle school science teacher, Dr. Alvarez served as an instructional coach for two years and an assistant principal and principal at John C. Dore Elementary School, where she took the school to a Level 1+ school quality rating. CPS named Dr. Alvarez Chief of Schools for Network 8 in 2016.

I speak for the entire Board when I say we are extraordinarily pleased with the outcome of this search process. In the end, Dr. Alvarez proved herself the best fit to carry forward the vision of District 91. Her exceptional record of accomplishment driving academic excellence with the Chicago Public Schools, along with her obvious passion for bringing this same level of excellence to our schools, were the deciding factors.

In the near future, we will offer District 91 families and residents the opportunity to meet their new Superintendent. Until then, please welcome Dr. Elizabeth Alvarez to District 91 and to Forest Park.

Sincerely,

Kyra Tyler

Ms. Kyra Tyler
President of the Board of Education