



## Waterford Board of Education Approves Appointments of New Principals

**August 8, 2003, Waterford, Mich.** - The Waterford Board of Education approved the appointment of Catherine Force as principal of Knudsen Elementary School.

Force was hired by the Waterford School District in 1987 as a special education teacher at Knudsen Elementary School. Force also taught at Riverside Elementary and the Stepanski Early Childhood Center. Force completed an Administrative Internship in the Waterford School District in 2000. She also taught in West Bloomfield Public Schools, Bad Axe High School, and the Norman Rockwell School.

Force received her Bachelor's Degree in Special Education from Western Michigan University and her Masters Degree in Early Childhood from Oakland University. Steve Garrison was also approved by the Board as principal of Waterford Village Elementary. Garrison has worked in the Waterford School District since 2000 as a curriculum consultant and physical education teacher. Garrison completed an Administrative Internship in the Waterford School District in 2002.

Prior to working in the Waterford School District, he worked for the Michigan Fitness Foundation as coordinator of operations and teacher support. Garrison also taught in Holt Public Schools, Sault Ste. Marie Public Schools, and Okemos Radmorr Montessor.

Garrison earned a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and Exercise Science from Michigan State University and a Master's Degree in Pedagogy from Western Michigan University.

Cheryl Pocius will join the Waterford School District as principal of Grayson Elementary School. Pocius is currently an elementary principal at Woodland Elementary in East Detroit. She also served as the director of special services, curriculum coordinator, and teacher in East Detroit.

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Pocius earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Michigan State

University and her Master's Degree in Special Education from Oakland University. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate in philosophy of Reading and Language Arts at Oakland University.

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