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Dr. Amy Dixon Named 2020-2021 President of the Illinois Principals Association

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Principals Association announces Dr. Amy Dixon, principal of Lincoln and Jefferson Attendance Centers, and Director of Instruction for Carmi-White County Schools in Carmi, IL as association President for the 2020-2021 school term.

“The importance and impact of the Illinois Principals Association has never been as vital as it is now,” said Dr. Dixon. “As we serve students in this state with vastly different needs, in a time that has never been experienced before, it is imperative that we work together for the betterment of all. The IPA provides leaders across the state a phenomenal opportunity to learn, share, and network with colleagues from across the nation. As President of the IPA, it is a privilege to serve and L.E.A.D. with a focus on Learning, Equity, Advocacy, and Diversity. I am honored and blessed to be able to partner with all of you as we L.E.A.D. in 2020!”

Dr. Jason Leahy, Executive Director for the Illinois Principals Association, adds, “Dr. Dixon is an experienced and accomplished school leader - two traits that are critical to leading the Illinois Principals Association, especially as we support principals, assistant principals, deans and other building leaders during this time of COVID-19. We are fortunate to have her at the helm right now.”

Dr. Dixon has been a member of the Illinois Principals Association since 2003. During this time, she has served as Egyptian Region member of the IPA Board of Directors, Region Director for the Egyptian Region, and National Association of Elementary School Principals State Representative. Dixon has been recognized by her peers as Egyptian Region Elementary Principal of the Year (2012) and Egyptian Region Herman Graves Award Winner (2014). She has been recognized as 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee (2013), Guardian Center Friend of Children Region Award (2015), and under her leadership, received the Spotlight School Award in 2010 and 2011 from the Illinois State Board of Education.

At Carmi-White County Schools, Dr. Dixon works with teachers on curriculum mapping, activities to increase parental involvement, facilitated a district-wide curriculum review process, and has hosted community advisory meetings to solicit input on district goals. Dr. Dixon also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Eastern Illinois University.

Dixon began her career in education in 1996 as school social worker with the South Eastern Special Education Cooperative (Ste. Marie), and continued working as a school social worker and early intervention service coordinator at the Wabash and Ohio Valley Special Education District. Following, Dr. Dixon served as principal of Truant Alternative Optional Education (TAEOP) programs at ROE #20 in Carmi. Dr. Dixon has served in various roles including principal, Special Education coordinator, Director of Instruction, 504 and English Language Learner Coordinator for Carmi-White County Schools since 2005.

Dr. Amy Dixon resides in Carmi, Illinois with her husband Eric, a teacher in Carmi-White County Schools, and their two children, Payton and Trey. Dr. Dixon received her Bachelor and Master of Social Work degrees from the University of Illinois, Master of Educational Administration from Eastern Illinois University, and her Doctoral degree from the Oakland City University.

The Illinois Principals Association is a leadership organization which serves over 5,900 educational leaders throughout the state of Illinois and whose mission is to develop, support, and advocate for innovative educational leaders. For more information about the IPA, please visit www.ilprincipals.org.

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