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CARI ROOT SELECTED AS NEW SOLON DIRECTOR OF PUPIL SERVICES

Cari Root has been approved by the Solon Board of Education as the district's new director of Pupil Services. Currently a school psychologist at Solon Middle School, Ms. Root will formerly take over the responsibilities for the Pupil Services Department on August 1 but will work closely with current director Tebra Page over the next few months prior to Ms. Page's retirement this summer.

"This is the story that we continually tell in our district," said Solon Superintendent Fred Bolden. "We develop our leaders from within. We find strong candidates, nurture them and give them opportunities to show their capability."

Ms. Root has been with the district for nearly two decades. "She is incredibly bright, a strong leader, well respected by all her peers, and has an incredible depth of knowledge of our Pupil Services environment and the work we need to do to support our students," Mr. Bolden added.

As the director of Pupil Services, Ms. Root will coordinate the district's services for students in special education, gifted and enrichment programs, English as a second language and centralized registration. She will also be responsible for overseeing district compliance with Ohio's complex Education Management Information System, a school data collection and reporting system of financial data and information regarding student demographics, attendance, course offerings and testing results.

Ms. Root joined the Solon Schools as a school psychologist in August 2003. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Kent State University in 2000. Her post-graduate degrees, also from Kent State, are Educational Specialist: School Psychology in 2003 and Administrative Specialist: Pupil Services in 2019.