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MORRIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION SELECTS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

At their meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 the Morris Central School Board of Education appointed Dr. Shannon Babbie as the district's next Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Babbie will succeed Mr. Matthew Sheldon, who is finishing his 12th year of service at Morris. Dr. Babbie will assume his new role on July 1, 2021.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Babbie as our new Superintendent," said Wendy Moore, Morris Board of Education President. "He brings a broad range of knowledge and expertise, and his innovative and collaborative approach to education are just what we were looking for. Our students will surely benefit from his student centered philosophy. We are very fortunate to have him join our team."

Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES District, Dr. Catherine Huber, facilitated the recruitment and selection process. According to Huber, "The Board engaged in a rigorous process which included staff and community feedback to identify their next superintendent. Dr. Babbie's experience as an educator and enthusiasm for Morris make him a good fit for the district."

Dr. Shannon Babbie most recently served as an elementary principal for the Camden Central School District. Dr. Babbie taught English and Social Studies before moving into administrative positions at the Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation at Oswego County BOCES.

Dr. Babbie earned his Associate's Degree from Mohawk Valley Community College, both a Bachelor's and Master's from SUNY Cortland, an advanced degree from SUNY Oswego, and a doctorate from St. John Fisher. Dr. Babbie's doctoral work focused on training teachers to meet the needs of students with autism.

Originally from Brookfield, in Madison County, Dr. Babbie grew up in West Edmeston and Leonardsville. Dr. Babbie has two sons: Alexander (20) is a Junior at Siena College, and Sebastian (16) will be joining the Morris student body. Dr. Babbie remarked, "it is an absolute joy to return home. I am honored to become a member of the Morris community."