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## **Next High AIMS Executive Director Named**



Kelly Spivey, Superintendent of the Talawanda School District, has been selected as the next Executive Director of the High AIMS consortium effective August 1, 2018. She succeeds Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo who is retiring after leading the organization since 2013. Ms. Spivey's new role at High AIMS begins at the conclusion of her successful 15-year career with Talawanda, 7 years of which were as Superintendent.

"Kelly Spivey is a natural choice to serve as the next Executive Director of High AIMS," explained Mr. Steve Estep, Superintendent of the Mariemont Schools and Chairperson of the High AIMS Management Council which conducted the search. "Her passion, expertise and great relationships with our member districts have her well positioned to continue the great work of our consortium and take us to an even higher level."

Ms. Spivey earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Miami University, her master's degree from Xavier University, and post -master's work at Miami University and Xavier University. She has passionately served 33 years in the education field where she taught elementary students for seven years, served as an administrator with the Sycamore Community Schools and Hamilton City School District, and was appointed Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent in the Talawanda School District.

Ms. Spivey is a past president of Valley Association of School Administrators (VASA), and is the most recent past president of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA). She also serves on BASA's Executive, Report Card, and Legislative Committees. She is currently serving as an ex-officio member of the Oxford Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees, and as a member of the Oxford Senior Citizens Board and the Oxford Kiwanis Club.

When asked about her new role, Ms. Spivey responded in a statement, " I am looking forward to the High AIMS Executive Director position where innovation, leadership development, creativity and networking are the focus, and to problem-solving with the premier school districts associated with High AIMS."

The High AIMS consortium was established in 1998 by a group of six public school districts in the Cincinnati metropolitan area that were committed to leveraging their resources to impact student achievement across the boundaries of community. The consortium has grown to include a diverse group of 25 southwestern Ohio public school districts located in Butler, Hamilton, Warren, and Montgomery counties with the goal of creating collaborative networks of educators who think and act strategically to empower learners, engage stakeholders, develop leaders, and pursue innovation.