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Superintendent's Contract Extended

Dr. Phyllis Glassman to Continue to Lead Schools through 2013

(OSSINING, NY) –The Board of Education of the Ossining Union Free School District announces that it has extended the contract of Superintendent Dr. Phyllis Glassman through 2013. Dr. Glassman began service as superintendent July 1, 2007.

“Dr. Glassman has the dedication and leadership abilities to take our diverse district into the future,” said Board of Education President Alice Joselow. “Her children-centered approach and strong commitment to our community serves this district well.”

“I am so honored to continue to work for the families of the Ossining School District,” said Dr. Glassman. “I will continue to promote educational equity for all our students and to advocate on their behalf every day.”

Dr. Glassman joined the Ossining School District in 1992 as assistant superintendent, following many years in teaching and administration in the Capital region and Long Island, N.Y. She served as deputy superintendent since 1998, and has garnered many accolades for her work encouraging achievement among Ossining's youngest children as well as her efforts to bridge the achievement gap. In 2005, she received a citation for her work from the New York State Assembly, as well as the New York State Council of School Superintendents' Appreciation Award, the Superintendent's Leadership Award and a proclamation from the Westchester County Board of Legislators. When the Board of Education honored Dr. Glassman in 2005, it underscored her leadership, vision and commitment.

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Dr. Glassman has been and is a member of numerous professional committees and organizations, including the New York State Regents Standards Review Steering Committee, Public Schools for Tomorrow, The Horace Mann Society, New York State Middle Level Advisory Council, State Assessment Committees, and the American Association of School Administrators. She is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Teatown Lake Reservation. Dr. Glassman became a teacher after earning her Master of Arts in English from SUNY at Albany. She taught English in the Capital region and Long Island and served in several administrative roles in Long Island school systems. She then earned several degrees in educational administration, including a Doctor of Education in Administration and Policy Studies from Hofstra University in 1989.

Dr. Glassman's dedication to the Ossining School District is evidenced by her numerous contributions to the district overall. Proud of the Ossining School District, she has initiated many professional presentations and publications touting the achievements of the district in the hopes of inspiring others. She has traveled the country presenting to school board associations and school administrator groups, including a presentation in New Orleans on "Ossining Educates Black Males to Soaring Standards." She has been instrumental in looking at the achievement gap not just from an analytical perspective but from a human one. Those who work closely with Dr. Glassman recognize her as a strong supporter of staff accomplishments, who is not afraid to intercede when necessary and who encourages all voices.

"We are thrilled to have an extremely dedicated, compassionate leader like Dr. Glassman lead our schools," said Board of Education Vice President Irwin Kavy. "We are confident that she will continue to be a strong influence in encouraging our students to achieve all that is possible."

The Ossining Union Free School District, nationally recognized for its mission to further the success of all children, serves approximately 4,200 pupils in six schools: Roosevelt School for newborn to four-year-olds, Park Early Childhood Center for kindergarten through first grade, Brookside School for grades two and three, Claremont School for grades four and five, Anne M. Dorner Middle School for grades six through eight, and Ossining High School for grades nine through 12. **(7/2008)**