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Thornton Fractional District 215 Superintendent Teresa Lance Accepts Position at Illinois Unit District 46

Lansing, IL: At the February 25th Regular Board of Education meeting, the District received a letter of resignation from Superintendent, Dr. Teresa A. Lance, effective June 30th, 2020. Dr. Lance has served as Superintendent for District 215 since July of 2018 and is leaving to become the Assistant Superintendent for Equity and Innovation in Illinois Unit District 46.

During her tenure as Superintendent of District 215, Dr. Lance has led efforts to reduce racially disproportionate out-of-school suspensions and expulsions across the District's three campuses. In addition to initiating and leading a comprehensive overhaul of District 215's curriculum, Dr. Lance has worked to introduce Advanced Placement classes to 9th graders and has expanded the district's Advanced Placement offerings to include seven new AP courses in the span of one-year. Through her leadership, the District has been able to hire a new Director of Teaching and Learning, provide more equitable opportunities for our students, and worked to ensure school safety by leading the district in becoming an ALICE certified school district, the first in our area.

District 215 Board President Michael Bolz said, "We were fortunate to have Dr. Lance's leadership in our district and are proud of the important contributions she has made. The Board wishes Dr. Lance success in her new venture and thanks her for dedicated work and initiatives she has put in place during her tenure in the district. The Board looks forward to working collaboratively with Dr. Lance to ensure a smooth transition as we work to identify our next superintendent."

About Thornton Fractional High School District 215: District 215 serves the students of Burnham, Calumet City, Lansing, and Lynwood at Thornton Fractional North High School, Thornton Fractional South High School, Thornton Fractional Center for Academics and Technology, and Thornton Fractional Center for Alternative Learning. The mission of District 215 is to provide diverse learning opportunities that inspire all students to become life-long learners who contribute to their community.

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