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Frances W. Ivey Named FCPS Assistant Superintendent for Cluster V

Frances W. Ivey, who currently serves as director of the office of preK-12 curriculum and instruction in the Instructional Services Department, has been named Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) assistant superintendent for Cluster V, effective August 1. She replaces Betsy Fenske, who is retiring.

"Frances is an experienced administrator who is well suited to manage Cluster V," says FCPS Superintendent Jack D. Dale. "She began her career as a teacher and has a strong background in special education and curriculum as well as experience working with all departments, school-based administrators, parents, and the School Board. We are happy to have someone with her skills to lead Cluster V."

Since July 2009, Ivey has provided leadership, management, and oversight of curriculum and instruction for FCPS students in grades preK-12, including core subjects, advanced academics, early childhood, and the online campus as well as school counseling and support services. She works with principals and teachers on curriculum and instruction, professional development, school support interventions, and summer programs. Ivey is the Instructional Services Department liaison to the Family and Early Childhood Education Program (FECEP), the Advanced Academics Advisory Parent Committee, and the Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee. She is also the program manager for the Closing the Minority Student Achievement Gap plan and the College Readiness Initiative. Prior to her current position, Ivey was director of the office of high school instruction and K-12 curriculum, focusing on high school instruction.

Ivey served as assistant principal of Herndon High School from 2002-05 before being named principal in January 2005. Before that she worked as department chair for special education services at Westfield High School and at Chantilly High School. Ivey joined FCPS in 1989 as the special education department chair at Lanier Middle School and later moved to Stone Middle School. She has also worked as a teacher in public schools in San Diego, Calif., Glenshaw, Penn., and Columbus, Ohio.

Ivey has given presentations at the Beijing International Education Expo, at the College Board Major Schools Meeting, and to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Region IV Directors and the VDOE From Vision to Practice conference. To her colleagues in FCPS, she has given presentations on learning disabilities and team teaching, attention deficit disorder, inclusive practices at the high school level, and the implementation of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

A graduate of Beaver College (now Arcadia University) in Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in psychology, Ivey earned her master's in special education from Columbia University and her Ph.D. in education leadership and policy studies from Virginia Tech. She also completed the education specialist program in education leadership and policy studies at Virginia Tech.

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