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Jennifer Pacheco Named Principal of District 63's Melzer School

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Des Plaines, June 3, 2016) – At its June 2 meeting, the East Maine School District 63 Board of Education approved the appointment of Melzer Elementary School's new Principal – and welcomed back **Jennifer Pacheco**, who worked for the District from 2006-2014. Pacheco has been named to the top slot at Melzer with the departure of current Principal Neal Siegellak. Melzer, located at 9400 North Oriole in Morton Grove, serves more than 520 PreK-6th grade students living in Morton Grove.

Currently Associate Principal at Maywood Melrose Park Bellwood School District 89's Stevenson Middle School, Pacheco holds a B.S.Ed. in special education from Northern Illinois University, an MA in educational technology and instructional design from DeVry University, and an MA in educational leadership from the University of Phoenix. She began her career as a special education resource teacher at West Aurora School District 129, and joined District 63's Apollo Elementary School in 2006 in a similar position. Pacheco served Apollo in several capacities, including professional development coach and academic achievement coach, ultimately working as a special education facilitator at the District level for two years.

"Ms. Pacheco is a great fit for Melzer and we're really pleased to have her back in District 63," noted Dr. Scott Clay, District Superintendent. "Her extensive experience with our schools and the wide variety of roles she held here gives her a fantastic birds-eye view of our District, its philosophy, and our commitment to meeting the unique needs of all of our students."

"I'm looking forward to returning to District 63, which has an exceptionally dedicated teaching team," said Pacheco. "And I'm excited to step into my new role at Melzer. The school already has a remarkable staff in place – professionals I can learn from as I get up to speed – and a wonderful community of families!"

Melzer Elementary is one of East Maine School District 63's seven schools. District 63 offers a rich learning environment and multicultural perspective to more than 3,600 students in the diverse communities of Des

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