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## **Greendale Hires ASL Teacher for New World Language Offering**

GREENDALE, WI -- Greendale Schools has announced that Ms. Jennifer McCauley has been hired as the professional educator for the District's newly-established American Sign Language (ASL) program. The Greendale Board of Education approved her appointment at its meeting on May 21, 2018. The District will begin offering ASL as a World Language at Greendale High School (GHS) this fall. More than 120 students in grades 9 through 12 are enrolled in the beginning level ASL course. McCauley will work with high school administration and other World Language teachers to develop the program in Greendale.

A licensed Deaf and Hard of Hearing teacher through the Wisconsin Department of Instruction, McCauley also completed the Sign Language Interpreter Training Program from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and holds a Master of Education degree in Special Education from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. She has worked as a Teacher of the Deaf for the past 20 years and taught for the past eight years at Rufus King International High School. In addition to her role in the classroom, McCauley established and advised the American Sign Language Club at Rufus King.

"We are pleased to welcome Ms. McCauley to the Greendale High School team," said Steve Lodes, GHS principal. "The strength of her work experience and depth of her knowledge of American Sign Language will be a true asset to our school and will surely be reflected in the development of this new World Language program and in the instruction she delivers to our students."

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"I am thrilled with the opportunity to develop an American Sign Language program at Greendale High School," Ms. McCauley said. "Learning ASL is both challenging and rewarding. Students will learn an entirely new way to communicate, gain an appreciation for the rich history and culture of the Deaf Community, develop cognitive skills through a new way of learning, and build a strong foundation for further studies in ASL at the college level."

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#### ABOUT GREENDALE SCHOOLS:

Established in 1938, Greendale Schools is home to more than 2,600 students. The District prides itself in providing an outstanding education for all students from Kindergarten through twelfth grade at Greendale High School, Greendale Middle School, and three elementary schools (Canterbury, College Park and Highland View). Greendale Schools, in partnership with students, families, and the community, is committed to developing leadership, creativity, and educational excellence. By creating multiple opportunities for learning, each student's unique abilities are developed to achieve success and contribute positively to our global society.



Jennifer McCauley