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Newly selected Brighton High Principal has worn many hats--- student, alumna, teacher, Assistant Principal and now Principal

BRIGHTON, COLO. (May 1, 2018) – School District 27J is proud to announce that Brighton High alumna and current Assistant Principal Shelly L. Genereux has been selected, from a competitive pool of candidates, to serve as the next Principal of Brighton High School.

“Student, teacher, Assistant Principal and now Principal. Shelly is the ultimate Bulldog,” said School District 27J Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler. “Shelly is the leader we believe in most for the future of Brighton High School students, staff and community members.”

Ms. Genereux graduated from Brighton High in 1987 and was an active member of the school community playing flute in band, serving as the yearbook graphics and layout editor, participating in S.A.D.D. (students against drunk drivers) as a member and later President, and as a member of the National Honor Society.

Ms. Genereux was greatly influenced to pursue a career in education by the continuous support of teachers like Joan Kniss, Jackie Swan, Ted Worth and Mel Bacon. Their energy, passion and commitment to students inspired her to follow in their path and become an educator.

Ms. Genereux completed her undergraduate studies at Adams State College in Alamosa, CO with a double major in History/Government and Psychology and obtained her Colorado Teaching Certificate in 1993. She earned a Masters of Arts from CU Denver in Curriculum & Instruction in Language, Literacy and Culture with an emphasis on ESL Education. She received her Principal license from the University of Phoenix in 2010.

As a beginning teacher, Ms. Genereux taught Special Education and then moved into Social Studies teaching Geography, ESL Geography, Political Science, World History, AP World History, Yearbook and Photography. She has also taught ESL Algebra and Biology.

Between the years of 2004 to 2010, Ms. Genereux served as the President of the Brighton Education Association (BEA). In this role she continued to teach until the organization agreed to a full-time release from teaching duties to focus on her role and serving its membership. As BEA President, Ms. Genereux was responsible for problem solving, conflict resolution, mediation and building strong professional relationships with district administration and teachers to facilitate communication and collaboration.

“My tenure as President of the BEA was a wonderful experience,” said Ms. Genereux. “I was able to build great relationships with other administrators and teachers across the district, help to facilitate the current 27J evaluation system and strengthen the relationship between central administration and the BEA through the interest based negotiations process.”

Ms. Genereux has served as the Assistant Principal of Brighton High for the past eight years. In her new role as Principal, she wants to continue to give back to the community that has supported her and helped to make Brighton High an integral part of this community. She 100% believes in the potential of Brighton High students, teachers and staff to improve graduation rates, raise test scores, and provide pathways that will ensure students have the necessary skills to be successful whether they choose to pursue a post-secondary education or enter the workforce upon graduation.

“Being selected to serve as the Principal of Brighton High means more than I can explain,” said Ms. Genereux. “I am honored and humbled, but mostly I am excited to help take Brighton High to the next level and to increase the opportunities and skills of our current and future students.”

Ms. Genereux will assume her new role as Principal beginning July 1, 2018.

About 27J Schools: *27J Schools educates almost 18,000 students from Brighton, Commerce City, Henderson, Thornton, and a portion of the city of Aurora and encompasses parts of Adams, Broomfield and Weld counties. Our mission is to equip our students with the tools and knowledge to succeed now and in the future – www.sd27j.org*

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