

# Highmeadow is a dream come true for new principal

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Next year, there will be a new principal at Highmeadow Common Campus, and it's a job Beverly Miller can't wait to begin.

"This is a dream come true for me," said Miller, whose career dates back to 1970. "It's going to be a wonderful match."

Miller's appointment was approved by the Farmington school board during Tuesday's meeting. She will succeed Barbara Reams, who is retiring later this month from the Highmeadow principalship.

Miller will move over from the

Fairview Early Childhood Center, where she was administrator during 1998-99.

Prior to that, she served at Lanigan Elementary School in the learning center/reading recovery program from 1994-98. Also at Lanigan, during 1997-98, she filled in for Principal Marva Turner as needed.

Superintendent Bob Maxfield said Miller "has all the right qualities ... for Highmeadow Common Campus," and brings valuable leadership experience gained as a participant in the Galileo Leadership Academy.

On hand for the board appointment were Miller's family,



Beverly Miller

including her husband, Jim; daughter, Alice; and son, Frederick. She made a point to acknowledge Turner, also in the audience.

At the podium, Miller described her personal mission statement as being a "creative problem solver, always doing the very best for kids."

She talked about applying the message of a poster she owns, "Bloom Where You Are Planted." "I intend to put down some roots and work with the staff and parents," Miller said, "and watch the children bloom and grow."

Miller's credentials include a

masters of arts teaching degree from Oakland University and a bachelor of arts degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Her new job officially begins Aug. 9.

## Other appointments

The board last week also approved the following appointments: Christine Krivick, to the position of special education supervisor; parents Carolyn Das (Cleveland) and Lori Staffelt (Duncen) to serve as the district's Oakland Schools Special Education Parent Advisory Committee representatives.

Ken Luark, meanwhile, was

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introduced as the new supervisor of maintenance.

## Playhouse from page A1

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Carol Palanian said her family continues to suffer, too. Fires have been set on their porch and her husband has been assaulted since the dispute started, she said.

Though declining to give a specific figure, Palanian said the family has spent "thousands" in legal fees. Ironically, part of the association fees the Palanians pay were likely used to sue them.

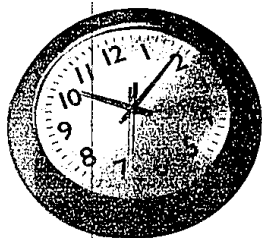
The family doesn't plan to move, though "I'm sure that's what they want us to do," Carol Palanian said. "It would send a bad message to our children."

In order for something positive to come out of the ordeal, Carol

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**Mark Frankel**  
—Association attorney

Palanian said her family is working on plans to donate the play structure.



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83	U17	Stuart McCracken	548-4812	6/18	12-2 PM	Derby
84	U16	Steve Hurley	844-6575	6/22	6-8 PM	Groves
85	U15	Dee Morgan	296-5295	6/24	6-8 PM	Groves
86	U14	Ric Azzano	849-3842	6/19	10-12 PM	Derby
87	U13	Kevin Arpe	360-4529	6/18, 17	6-8 PM	West Maple
88	U12	John Jackson	842-4825	6/18, 17	6-8 PM	Derby
89	U11	Chris Balmeyer	848-0204	6/15	6-8 PM	Exon Academy
90	U10	Mike Thomas	643-9086	6/5	6-8 PM	Barnum
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