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Tarrytown Union Free School District Assistant Superintendent Selected as PDK Emerging Leader

ARLINGTON, Va.—Colleen E. Carroll, assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and personnel at the Tarrytown Union Free School District in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., has been named a PDK Emerging Leader. Carroll earned this distinction for her work helping teachers strengthen and expand their strategies for teaching reading and writing.

"I am passionate about weaving literacy into every subject area," Carroll said. "I believe that children who are successful readers and writers have the skills to be successful in all other areas and in life outside the classroom. As an administrator, I help reading teachers and classroom teachers reach every student by providing them with continuous professional development."

Since the Common Core State Standards are placing a stronger emphasis on teaching literacy, Carroll has been helping secondary teachers incorporate the standards into their curriculum.

"I give teachers the tools they need to feel successful at teaching reading strategies through their content area, and I help them see the value in doing so," Carroll said. "It is a true team effort and I am inspired daily by the teachers I work with."

PDK International, the education association that has recognized Carroll as an up-and-coming leader in the K-12 profession, will host Carroll and 25 other education change agents at a weekend networking event this December. The PDK Emerging Leaders will gather in Washington, D.C., meet with federal education policymakers, and share best practices with each other.

"The Emerging Leaders program is our way of paying it forward in public education," said William J. Bushaw, PDK International's executive director. "We find people under 40 who are standouts in the profession and we bring them together for a weekend of networking and expertise-sharing in the nation's capital. By investing in these young leaders, we are investing in the future."

PDK International is an association that represents nearly 30,000 professionals in K-12 education across the country. Every year, it recognizes a new class of PDK Emerging Leaders. For more information on PDK's 2013-2014 Class of Emerging Leaders, go to www.pdkemergingleaders.org. Information about PDK International is at www.pdkintl.org.

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