**Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools Independent School District 877** 214 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE, Buffalo, MN 55313 www.bhmschools.org



Laura Barta, Communications Coordinator 763-682-8783 (office), 763-682-8755 (fax) lbarta@buffalo.k12.mn.us

## **District Press Release**

For Immediate Release

May 13, 2019

## Twenty-Two Year BHM Veteran, Kim Hinrichs, is Named Nutrition Services Director

At the Tuesday, May 28 BHM School Board meeting, the board is set to approve the appointment of Kim Hinrichs as the next BHM Nutrition Services Director. Since November 2018, Hinrichs has been serving as the interim director.

Prior to the Nutrition Services Interim Director position, Hinrichs could be found preparing and serving students breakfast and lunch at Discovery Elementary. She began there in 1997 and in 1998 became the Discovery Food Service Manager. In addition, she was a caterer for Russels on the Lake in Big Lake. for eight years and was an executive chef at Riverwood Conference Center in Otsego. for two years. Hinrichs attended the University of Minnesota—Duluth and finished her Associate of Arts Degree at Anoka Ramsey Community College in May 2019.

Director of Finance and Operations Gary Kawlewski is looking forward to having Hinrichs serve in the Nutrition Services Director position. "She knows the district and is experienced in nearly all areas of school nutrition services in BHM Schools," states Kawlewski. "Kim excels at building positive relationships with students and staff and knows how to lead the department in a positive direction. She is fearless and willing to tackle difficult problems, and I believe she has a great vision for the future of our program."

Hinrichs is excited to continue leading the department and having a wider impact on student nutrition. "Serving as interim director has been a rewarding experience so far," explains Hinrichs. "I am excited to get the chance to face new challenges and set new goals with my staff. We have already implemented some new changes such as new 'grab and go' lines and menu items at the middle and high school, more vegetarian options, and events such as 'Golden Guest Day' at the elementary schools. It's exciting to think of what can come next."

Hinrichs will begin her contract as Nutrition Services Director July 1, 2019.