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## **DR. JAMIE FROH TYRRELL JOINS GRACE SCHOOL SYSTEM AS PRINCIPAL OF ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

The Green Bay Area Catholic Education school system (GRACE) announces the hire of Dr. Jamie Froh Tyrrell as principal of St. Thomas More Catholic School, beginning July 1, 2020. St. Thomas More serves students in preschool through eighth grade and is one of nine GRACE schools.



*Dr. Jamie Froh Tyrrell*

As principal, Dr. Tyrrell will serve as the educational and administrative leader of the school. She will work to spiritually nurture collaboration among faculty, staff, families and parish partners, with student formation at the forefront of her efforts.

“She is an ideal candidate whose skills will lift St. Thomas More to the next level. Dr. Tyrrell is a bilingual educator who understands teaching and learning,” said GRACE President Kimberly Desotell. “She has a strong ability to work with unique learning needs, and she is committed to the development and success of our diverse student body at St. Thomas More School. It is a wonderful, healthy school poised for the future.”

Dr. Tyrrell said she is embracing her first role as a principal after spending the past several years in educational settings in Green Bay.

“I am very excited to join the GRACE principal team and am even more excited to meet and get to know the students, families and staff at St. Thomas More,” she said. “I am dedicated to serving the students and staff and also meeting the needs of the community that St. Thomas More School serves. I am eager to learn all about the great teaching and learning that is happening and work with the dynamic teaching team to find engaging and innovative ways to make it even better.”

Since 2015, Dr. Tyrrell has worked at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. As the university's Student Services Coordinator for the past five years, she held numerous responsibilities, among them: coordinating and arranging field placements for preservice student teaching through effective communication with partner schools; and hiring and training university supervisors to evaluate and mentor student teachers. For the past four years she also served as UW-Green Bay's edTPA Coordinator — edTPA is a performance assessment required for Wisconsin teacher licensure.

Previously, from 2009 through 2014, Dr. Tyrrell taught Spanish Bilingual and English as a Second Language classes for grades 3 and 4 at Sullivan Elementary School in the Green Bay Area Public School District. The majority of the nearly 200 students at St. Thomas More are Hispanic/Latino.

Dr. Tyrrell received her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction Leadership from Marian University; her master's degree in Applied Leadership in Education from UW-Green Bay; her teacher certification in Bilingual-Bicultural/English as a Second Language from UW-Oshkosh; and her bachelor's degree in Education with a minor in Spanish from UW-Green Bay.

In addition to her leadership among teachers, staff members and students at St. Thomas More, Dr. Tyrrell will continue to strengthen the bond between the school and its affiliated parishes: Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Parish, St. John the Evangelist, St. Mary of the Angels and St. Willebrord Parish.

### **About GRACE**

*GRACE, an acronym for Green Bay Area Catholic Education, is a nine-school system that provides excellence in preschool through eighth-grade education and serves 23 Catholic parishes within the greater Green Bay community. GRACE schools range in offerings and locations, and each has its own distinct history, focus and parish connections. GRACE is among the largest Catholic school systems in Wisconsin. To learn more, please visit [www.gracesystem.org](http://www.gracesystem.org).*